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## Israel, Jordan initial peace treaty

### Clinton to attend ceremony

Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

ISRAEL and Jordan initiated an historic peace treaty yesterday in Amman, cementing an end to their 46-year state of war.

The deal was struck after King Hussein, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and top aides managed in marathon talks to bridge gaps on the key thorny issues of water rights, border demarcation, and security arrangements.

The surprise treaty, following weeks of talks, was initiated by Rabin and Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul-Salam Majali.

In Jerusalem, the cabinet unanimously approved the treaty within hours of the initialing.

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Hussein and Rabin said they hope to sign it formally at a site along the border at the end of next week, before sending it to the Knesset and the Jordanian Parliament for ratification. A senior government official said it would be signed October 26 at the Arava border crossing.

Rabin said he and Hussein had spoken to US President Bill Clinton by telephone and invited him to attend. The White House last night confirmed that Clinton would come.

In remarks at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington, Clinton was clearly elated over the agreement, saying: "This was an extraordinary achievement that must be welcomed by the friends of peace all around the world."

"At a time when hatred and extremism and threatening behavior still stalk the Middle East, this agreement reminds us that moder-



Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul-Salam Majali initial the peace treaty yesterday as (from left) Crown Prince Hassan, King Hussein, and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres look on.

ation and reason are prevailing, that nations can put conflicts behind them, that courageous statesmen can lead their people to peace," Clinton said.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak also called Rabin to congratulate him.

Hussein said the treaty heralds a new era.

"Hopefully, it is a fresh beginning and a fresh start," he said. "I am happy with what has been achieved on the road we have chosen, the road of peace, hope, stability. It is a present I offer to all Jordanians, young and old, men and women, and all members of

this family," he said earlier in a pre-signing statement.

Rabin called the signing "a historically unique moment," and said the treaty would be a "cornerstone for a new Middle East, in which this cooperation will serve to replace the hatred, violence, and war."

"I believe that a new era has begun in the region, an era of cooperation along the longest border Israel has with another state. This is a peace of understanding, of mutual respect, of hope, great hope for cooperation and prosperity between two peoples, between two countries - for regional devel-

opment, on which to base stability and peace in the region."

Rabin and Hussein, addressing a joint news conference after the treaty was signed at Hashamiya Palace near Amman, said they agreed on what used to be the international boundary between Jordan and Mandatory Palestine with "mutual minor border rectifications."

"Nobody lost territory, everybody won," said Rabin.

Regarding water, Rabin said they agreed on a solution to give more water to Jordan now and to increase water supplies in the future through major regional water

projects once Middle East peace is achieved.

"We had to solve the [water] problems... on short-term, medium, and long-term and we found all the solutions to this," Rabin said.

Border arrangements include an exchange of territory. Thus, as specified in international law, Israel will keep agricultural land that is now being worked and will give Jordan other land in exchange. Israel will lease the land in the Tsofar and Naharayim areas for 25 years, in an extendable agreement.

A month after the signing of the peace treaty, ambassadors will be

exchanged, a senior government official said.

The accord came nearly three months after Hussein and Rabin met at the White House on July 25 to sign an historic declaration ending the state of war.

As they opened green leather-covered folders to sign, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres gave Hussein and Crown Prince Hassan Arab-style kisses on the cheeks.

Throughout the 40-minute ceremony and the news conference that followed, Hussein and Rabin warmly shook hands and smiled at each other constantly.

### Five key points made agreement possible

DAVID MAKOVSKY

FIVE key understandings made the peace treaty possible, a very senior official said in a briefing for reporters last night, as he disclosed the main provisions of the accord.

The five understandings reached are: The two countries will trade small parcels of territory, and Israel would lease other areas from Jordan; Israel agreed to yield 50 million cu.m. of water and participate in projects that could yield 100 million cu.m. more; and Jordan agreed that its territory would not be a launching pad for third party attacks against Israel.

Also, Israel will consult Jordan before it begins talks on the future of Palestinian refugees there in final status talks with the PLO, and the two countries will exchange embassies within a month after the treaty is ratified by the respective parliaments.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin phoned both Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat to brief them on the accord. Mubarak informed Rabin that Syrian President Hafez Assad is flying to Cairo today, presumably to discuss the implications of the treaty.

Rabin also briefed leaders of the political opposition last night on the main points of the accord.

Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu said that "the general direction is positive. This shows peace can be made without unilateral concessions. Territory can be exchanged. I still want to withhold comment on all the specifics, however, until I study the wording."

The official 15-page text of the treaty has not been released.

According to the senior official, the main provisions are:

■ Border demarcation: Israel will return over 300 sq. km. to Jordan. The two countries agreed to respect the 1922 British Mandate map, while Israeli farmers would not be forced off lands currently being cultivated. Jordan accepted some 30 sq. km. of the Arava in exchange for these lands.

"We gave them inch for inch, Jordan did not lose an inch of territory," the official said. He admitted Israel wrongfully seized Jordanian land in the Arava, saying it was fair for Israel to trade for such territory if it sought to keep some of these fields.

Other areas will come under Jordan sovereignty, but be immediately leased back for 25 years, with an option to renew. They are: 2,000 dunams farmed by Kibbutz Tsofar in the Arava and 800 dunams near the Yarmuk River called Naharayim. Israeli policemen will be allowed to enter the territory with weapons for self-defense.

"One could have gone to arbitration," he said, "but it could have taken years," alluding to Tabat, when Israel lost its case after years of wrangling.

The official did not deny suggestions that this model of territorial exchange and leasing could be used as a precedent in negotiations with Syria.

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## Accord signing catches border area residents by surprise

THE initialing of the agreement with Jordan apparently took Arava, Jordan Valley, and Beit She'an Valley residents by surprise, and reactions ranged from cautious to optimistic as they tried to fathom how the accord would affect them.

"It's too early to say anything," Dani Yonovitch, the secretary of Kibbutz Yotvata, in the Arava, said yesterday afternoon. "We have no information. We're waiting to see what happens."

The 650 Yotvata members had no idea the signing was imminent, he said.

At Moshav Idan in the upper Arava, many farmers broke off from tending their mango groves, vineyards, and vegetables to watch the broadcast of the initialing ceremony, even though nearly all the land they cultivate has been deman-

ded by the Jordanians.

"We are very happy that there is peace. It makes my heart happy and is exciting, but there are still a lot of questions," said Idan member Michal Rubin.

"There's a lot of confusion. At first we thought we'd have to give up our land; then we heard via the radio that we wouldn't; and now on the news they're saying that we will after all. We really don't know what's going on."

Rubin, like many of her neighbors, said she felt the agreement was rushed through by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to supply the public with some good news after the Wachman kidnapping and murder last week.

At Kibbutz Eliot, just north of Eilat, the feeling was far more optimistic. "We

LIAT COLLINS and DAVID RUDGE

don't have lands or agriculture which could be affected, so we're not too concerned," said secretary Avi Ran. "I think nearly every one here is happy with the peace with Jordan and we have big ideas about [tourist] development."

Beit She'an Valley Regional Council chairman Yigal Shahar was equally enthusiastic about the signing.

"We are witnessing an historic moment, which involves the removal of the barbed wire fences, the destruction of mine fields and the construction of new roads between one country and another. It's a whole new and exciting ball game," said Shahar.

Shahar was born and raised on Kibbutz

Maoz Haim, opposite the former Sheikh Hussein Bridge where a new border crossing is being constructed.

After the Six Day War, he said, "We suffered from the War of Attrition, and my children literally grew up in bomb shelters until the Jordanians kicked the PLO out in 1970, in what was called Black September."

"Now, what was for years a kind of distant dream is being turned into a reality and soon, in the next year or two, I fully expect to see cars and trucks passing freely between Jordan and Haifa Port."

His comments were echoed by Niv Laish, a member of Kibbutz Kinneret, who also grew up in the shadow of Katyusha rockets fired by Palestinians from Jordanian territory during the War of Attrition.

"As a member of the generation that had to live in bomb shelters as children because of the rockets, I can certainly appreciate peace," said Laish, head of the tourism department of the Jordan Valley Regional Council.

Real peace, he said, is something "which we deeply believe will give a tremendous boost to development in all fields, for the benefit of the Jordanians and ourselves."

"The lands over which there may be a dispute with Jordan cannot be compared to the Golan Heights. Everybody, virtually without exception, fully supports peace with Jordan, but there is a marked split when it comes to the question of the Golan and peace with Syria," said Laish.

## Government discloses secret emigration of Syrian Jewry

### Spiritual leader to arrive here from US today

THE history of Syrian Jewry, which dates back to biblical times, has come to a close with the secret emigration of the remnants of the community, it was officially announced in Jerusalem last night.

More than 3,670 Jews have left Syria, most of them for the US, since April 1992, and Rabbi Avraham Hamra, spiritual leader of Syrian Jewry, is to arrive here today from New York with his extended family.

In an undercover operation, 1,262 of the emigres were brought here by the Jewish Agency, and large numbers who had emigrated to other places are expected to follow their leader here. Some 600 Syrian Jews in North America have already made aliyah applications, the agency spokesman said.

A senior government official said last night there was a good basis to an Agency France Presse report that the close to 300 Jews who had opted to remain in Syria were planning to fly to Israel today.

Earlier the report was dismissed as unlikely by both Absorption Minister Yair Tzaaban and Acting Jewish Agency Chairman Yehiel Leket. All those who remain have exit permits but, since most of them are believed to have extensive financial assets in Damascus,

they chose to wait and follow developments before leaving, aliyah officials said.

Hamra thanked those who had made the successful operation possible. "I am extremely excited and cannot find the words to thank the governments of Israel, which over the years made such great efforts to get the Jews out of Syria," he said last night.

"My thanks go, too, to the US government for all it has done, and especially to the Syrian government and to President [Hafez] Assad, whose wisdom and generosity made possible the exodus of the Jews," he said.

Hamra, 50, was speaking to Israel Radio before leaving New York with his wife, six children, mother, and brothers.

Stressing the political implications of the Jews' leaving Syria, Tzaaban said that "in addition to the Zionist and humanitarian aspects, [it] has created an irreversible interrelationship in the political process between the two countries and in the entire region."

Leket described the exodus - in which the government, the agency, and Syrian and other Jewish organizations cooperated - as a "remarkable chapter of heroism, persistence, daring, and originality."

There have been Jews in Syria since biblical times, and the community was augmented by a large influx following the expulsion from Spain. Most of the Jews were con-

centrated in Damascus and Aleppo, which has a synagogue that was in continuous use for more than 1,600 years. The entire Aleppo community has now emigrated.

There were some 15,000 Jews left in Syria after the establishment of Israel, at which point the community became hostages in the Arab-Israeli conflict. About half of them succeeded in fleeing by the end of 1949, when emigration, except for short interludes, was stopped.

Nevertheless, the Syrian community was not entirely cut off from the rest of the Jewish world. UJA funds were funneled to the community monthly, through the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

The first radical change in the

attitude of the Syrian government was felt at the beginning of 1992, following talks between then US president George Bush and Assad. This had been preceded by worldwide campaigns on behalf of Syrian Jewry.

The exodus began in 1992, but was clearly linked to developments in the peace process. It was also made conditional on the Jews refraining from going to Israel. Notwithstanding, clandestine aliyah began a few months later.

Yesterday evening, in a makeshift Holon synagogue where many of the newcomers gather, the announcement of Hamra's arrival was received just before the evening service.

"It is an historic moment. The rabbi was the only one who had

access to Assad, and he was not in an easy position," said Moni Baghdadli, head of the Organization of Syrian and Lebanese Jews.

Most of the dozen or so new immigrants attending the prayers

expressed pleasure. "It's important for all the Jews to come," said Moshe Aza, who arrived here four months ago.

But most worshippers showed no overt excitement. "We'll believe it when we see him here," one elderly man said skeptically. "Meanwhile, we have to continue with our prayers."

Israel Airports Authority

Ben-Gurion International Airport

### Practice Alert at Ben-Gurion Airport

The management of the Ben-Gurion International Airport announces that a practice alert will be held at the airport tomorrow, Wednesday, October 19, 1994, during the afternoon. Civil defense, Magen David Adom and police units will take part in the exercise.

During the drill, controlled fires will be set, explosives detonated, and emergency and rescue vehicles will operate on the roads leading to the airport.

We apologize to the public for the temporary inconvenience. There will be no changes in flight schedules.

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# Palestinians cool on Jordan-Israel peace

PALESTINIANS yesterday accepted Israel's peace treaty with Jordan without much enthusiasm, but without criticism.

Faisal Hussein, the leading PLO figure in Jerusalem, told Army Radio he hopes the Jordan-Israel treaty leads to a comprehensive and "warm" peace.

However, he warned both countries not to ignore the Palestinians on regional issues, in particular water and refugees.

"I hope it will be helpful to stability in the region," said Jericho security chief Col. Jibril Rajoub, "but I think the main condition of stability is to respect the Palestinian independence authority."

The Palestinians' chief fear is that Jordan will use its new friendship with Israel to strengthen its influence over Moslem religious sites in Jerusalem.

JON IMMANUEL

Such a clash appears to be looming, as Jordan this week appointed a new mufti to succeed Suleiman Jabbar, who died last week. The position is traditionally filled by decision of the Jordanians.

But the Palestinians, who only recently appointed their own head, Ekrama Sabre, to the formerly Jordanian

controlled Walf (Moslem religious trust), have apparently decided also to take over the mufti position.

"It is an irresponsible measure and interference in our internal affairs," said Rajoub. "We hope the man appointed will not accept the appointment. He has no right to accept it."

The mufti's main function is to hand down the final verdict on religious laws. Meanwhile, a poll taken among

1,252 respondents by the Center for Palestine Research and Studies in Nablus on Sunday indicated that 60% of Palestinians want an independent state. But the poll also indicated that 58% of Jerusalem's Arab residents prefer union or confederation with Jordan. In Nablus and Tulkarm, slight majorities also support union or confederation over an independent state. Bill Hutman contributed to this report.

## NEWSLINE

with Maj.-Gen. MOHAMMED SHIYYAB

Shiyyab is a former deputy commander of the Jordanian Air Force commander who, with Aharon Levran, wrote a recent study on Jordan-Israel relations.

What does this agreement mean to Jordan?

Basically, I think Jordan has always been in the forefront of accomplishing a comprehensive settlement in the region. This has always been our stand, not only regionally, but internationally. We hope this is the first step toward a comprehensive settlement, and we would definitely like to see some positive progress on the Lebanese and Syrian tracks.

What will be the US role?

The US, being the only superpower internationally, will always have a very important and essential role in the peace-building effort. There is definitely an essential interest to have security and peace in our region. Therefore, its contribution will be very important. This would come in terms of economic support and security arrangements, whereby we get verification for future purposes on the regional level. At the same time, we look forward to the US to further promote the peace process.

What do you think the next step will be?

The Jordanian side has always been for getting our territories back, our share of water within the Jordan and Yarmuk rivers, getting the security requirements of Jordan. In this respect, a strong Jordan is vital for the peace-keeping process. The confidence-building measures have already been started. The security and confidence also have to be there. And these are essential steps for normalization to be enhanced. Then, we would have to concentrate on economy.

Why was it important for King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to work overtime to achieve this agreement?

I think you would have to address their question to them. But I would not doubt the seriousness and commitment that King Hussein has displayed all his life. Mr. Rabin has his own ambitions.

Will Jordan now turn its attention to the argument with the PLO over who controls the Islamic holy sites in Jerusalem?

Our king has made it very clear that we will do everything possible to help our Palestinian brothers achieve their national goals, their national home, their self-determination. We will do the best we can. I am sure that the good relations that Jordan enjoys with anyone regionally will definitely utilized for that goal.

Basically, traditionally from the days of Sherif Ibn Ali, the Hashemites have been the guardians of the holy places. We have sacrificed a great deal, morally and materially, to maintain that role. I think our position has been clarified to the PLO. I am sure that things will work out.

Steve Rodan

## Kessar: Flights to Jordan soon

Jerusalem Post Staff

COMMERCIAL flights to Jordan will begin within six months, while charter flights will begin within weeks after a peace treaty is signed, Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar said yesterday.

A delegation led by Civil Aviation Authority head Menahem Sharon is to meet with Jordanian representatives today in Akaba to discuss coordinating flights, he said.

Kessar said there are still disagreements about the altitude at which Jordanian aircraft would be permitted to fly over Israel, and other issues relating to flying rights and ticket sales still have to be resolved.

However, the two countries have agreed on air traffic control procedures and aerial communications.

The air agreement to be signed will specify that Israeli planes can cross Jordanian airspace, which will cut travel time on flights to the Far East by several hours.

Also yesterday, Kessar told officials of the Negev Development Authority that the amount of cargo trucked from the center of the country and the Dead Sea area to Eilat justifies the building of a rail line to the southern port city, saying such a rail line would "have a significant influence on the economic development of the Middle East."

The main obstacle to building such a line is linking it from the northern approaches of the city to the port, he said.

## Funding sought for joint water projects

DAVID RUDGE

WATER Commissioner Gideon Tsur and former agriculture minister Avraham Katz-Oz left for Europe yesterday to seek funding for two major Israeli-Jordanian water projects.

The proposals envisage the construction of a dam along the Yarmuk River to create a reservoir of fresh water that could be tapped and used by the Jordanians.

The dam is expected to cost some \$100 million and would increase water resources in the area by as much as 70 million cu.m. a year.

During the winter, when the Yarmuk is full, the water simply runs off into the Jordan River, then the Dead Sea. The dam would catch some of the flood water and store it for year-round use.

The second project is for the establishment of a desalination unit on the northern shores of the Kinneret to produce fresh water from three brine springs.

At the moment, the water from the springs is pumped into a canal which runs from the site around the western shore of the Kinneret and flows into the Jordan south of Kibbutz Deganya Alef.

This project would cost around \$50m. and would be capable of producing 20 million cu.m. of water a year.

Tsur and Katz-Oz are to meet in Luxembourg with heads of the World Bank and the European Community to try and raise funds for the projects.

## Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the nine of spades, eight of hearts, nine of diamonds, and jack of clubs.

## ARRIVALS

Mrs. Sandra Sokol, national vice president of AMIT Women USA, for the Jewish Agency Board of Governors meeting and on AMIT business.

## With great sorrow we announce the passing of YEHUDA Ben Shaul BITTERMAN ז"ל

Who returned his soul to his creator on 11 Heshvan 5755, October 16, 1994, in Antwerp, Belgium, and will be buried on the Mount of Olives.

The funeral will leave from the Shamgar Funeral Home in Jerusalem, today, Tuesday, 13, Heshvan, 5755 at 9 a.m.

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Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin talks to US President Bill Clinton by phone following the initialing of the peace treaty in Amman yesterday, as King Hussein looks on.

## Mea She'arim awaits fruits of peace treaty

MERCHANTS in Jerusalem's Mea She'arim section reportedly welcome the peace agreement and are hoping to renew soon the importation of special cloth from Amman used in the manufacture of traditional haredi caftans.

The special gold- and black-striped material, nicknamed "zebra," was imported from Amman and Damascus until the War of Independence, after which locally manufactured imitations were introduced. But the genuine cloth, available only from certain Arab merchants at exorbitant cost, is still preferred.

Now the word is out in Mea She'arim that, with the expected normalization of relations, large quantities of original "zebra" cloth are soon to be available at affordable prices. (Hm)

## Jordanian businessman expects many tourists from both countries

DAVID RUDGE

A FLOW of tourists between Israel and Jordan is likely immediately after the signing of a peace treaty between the two countries, a Jordanian businessman said yesterday.

"I believe a lot of Jordanians will come to visit Israel - some to visit their families and others because they have heard such a lot about Israel and will want to see it for themselves," said Rami Qutub.

"Once the formal peace treaty is signed, I forecast a lot of tourism movement between the two countries," said Qutub, who lives in Amman.

Qutub was in Tiberias to attend the "Go Galilee" tourism convention, aimed at promoting tourism to the Galilee and Jordan Valley regions.

Qutub is an agent in Jordan for the Arkia tourism and airline company, which recently started twice-weekly trips to Jordan, with overnight stays in Akaba, for foreign tourists and Israelis with dual passports. Passengers are flown to Eilat and then taken by bus across the border.

"We have been good neighbors for many years and there have never been any major problems, and I have been told this by Israeli friends," said Qutub, who is also helping to promote direct travel routes between Jordan and Haifa and Ashdod ports.

"Such direct routes can save a lot of time and money, while our port in Akaba, for instance, can be used for goods that are coming to Israel and Jordan from the Far East."

"I believe that peace will create many opportunities and jobs in tourism and other fields for the benefit of both our peoples," said Qutub.

Plans for a joint water recreation project between Jordan and Israel were unveiled to journalists during

the course of the convention.

The proposals, which have already been outlined in principle to representatives of the World Bank, envisage the flooding of a disputed area of land opposite Kibbutz Ashdot Ya'acov.

The land in question covers an area of 5,000 dunams and includes the former Jewish settlement of Tel Or, which was abandoned after the War of Independence, and an island between the Jordan and Yarmuk rivers which is claimed by Jordan.

Under the ambitious scheme, 1,000 dunams of the land near the disused Rutenberg hydroelectric plant would be flooded to form a huge lake. This, in turn, would also raise the level of the Jordan and Yarmuk rivers to the north, allowing a whole range of water sports and recreation facilities in the region.

As part of the project, expected to cost \$140 million, a casino would be built on a man-made island in the heart of the lake and hotels constructed nearby with an 18-hole golf course and adjacent holiday village.

The scheme, however, is dependent on a major project to clean the southern reaches of the Jordan River and establish sewage networks and treatment plants in the region. This alone, coupled with excavation work to create the proposed lake, would cost about half - \$70 million - of the total sum.

Initiators of the proposals, from Kibbutz Ashdot Ya'acov and the Jordan Valley Regional Council, said the World Bank representatives had expressed an interest in helping finance the initial stages of the project, and several entrepreneurs had been working on studying the feasibility of the plans.

"There is no way of ensuring 100 percent security, not there or anywhere. If things get out of hand and we have no choice, we will close the Machpela Cave again. I hope it won't come to that," said Ron.

Bill Hutman

## 'An advanced step'

Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa

"This is an advanced step in the peace process. Egypt congratulates Jordan and Israel on what has been achieved. Egypt would like to express its satisfaction at this step and any advanced step that brings us closer to a just and comprehensive peace and secures the withdrawal of Israeli forces and the establishment of normal relations."

Hassan Mansour, spokesman for the Islamic Action Front Party in Amman

"The signing is the most painful of matters to our heart, this treaty will not be accepted by our people and will not live for long because it clashes with the interests of our future generations. All means possible would be used to reject and resist the accord."

President Ezer Weizman

"I think it will have great backing from the public, from statesmen, and rightly so."

Likud chairman Benjamin Netanyahu

"The sun had already risen over the Jordan back in 1970, when King Hussein chased the PLO out. De facto peace had existed for a long time, and this will just make it official."

"It appears that Israel did not make excessive territorial concessions. If this is indeed so, then this is a good agreement which shows that it is possible to make a peace which serves both sides, and not just the Arab side at Israel's expense. Jordan wants to co-exist side by side with Israel and not to replace Israel, as the PLO does. Herein lies the difference in our attitude to the agreement with Jordan and to the one with the PLO."

Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan

"The first clause in Tsomet's platform is peace in return for peace. It seems that this is what indeed was agreed upon with Jordan, and we can only express satisfaction and support. This was hardly the case in the agreements with Egypt or the PLO, and we fear that it will not be with Syria."

"Peace with Jordan had in effect existed for a long time. It is only natural. Like Israel, Jordan has a western orientation and problems with the Palestinians. We have similar interests and problems. Jordan is a natural partner for normalization of relations."

Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Sharr

"We hope the Israeli government will realize the fact that without achieving peace with Syria and Lebanon, there will be no peace in the region... This is the reality."

Sarah Honig and news agencies

## KEY POINTS

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Water: Israel agreed to yield 40 million cu.m. of Yarmuk River water annually, and 10 million cu.m. more will be provided through desalination of brackish water sources near the Kinneret. No water will be taken from the Kinneret itself, as Israel fears this would be a bad precedent in future talks with Syria.

Beyond this 50 million cu.m., the two countries will construct two dams on the Yarmuk and Jordan rivers. Israel is not responsible for financing these projects, but will approach other countries to ask for financing. Another 50 million cu.m. may be found should the regional development "visions of [Foreign Minister Shimon] Peres" succeed, the official said, but "we did not commit ourselves."

Security threats: Jordan will neither join alliances against Israel nor will it let its territory serve as a launching pad for attacks. Jordan also agreed that it will not allow third parties to deploy inside its territory in ways that threaten Israel, and vice versa.

Israel originally wanted to forbid foreign forces from ever entering Jordan, but settled on more general wording to satisfy concerns that such broad language would rule out joint maneuvers with the US.

The official hinted that the same wording used in the Israel-Egyptian peace treaty to offset the 1954 Arab League collective security agreement would be repeated in

this treaty. Refugees: Israel agreed to consult with Jordan before it negotiates the fate of refugees from 1948 in final-status talks with the Palestinians. Those talks are scheduled to begin less than two years from now. At least half the Jordanian population is Palestinian.

This marks the second time that Rabin is officially making Jordan a player in the final-status talks with the PLO. In July's Washington Declaration, Israel said it would take into consideration Jordan's special status in safeguarding of Moslem holy places in Jerusalem. The treaty reaffirms the language of the Washington Declaration on Jerusalem.

It also reaffirms the commitments made in the Camp David and Oslo accords on Palestinians displaced by the Six Day War - that Israel, Jordan, the Palestinians, and Egypt will discuss their future.

Normalization: The official suggested there are no disagreements over the two basic elements of normalization - diplomatic relations and tourism.

According to the treaty, embassies will be established a month after ratification. Jordan and Israel are both eager to create tourism packages, especially for tourists from third countries.

## Expert predicts warm peace with Jordan

HERB KEINON

THE peace initiated yesterday will likely be "very warm" because Jordan is the only country in the region that views Israel as a major asset for its own people, according to Prof. Dan Schefman, a Haifa University specialist on Israeli-Jordanian relations.

"The peace won't be warm with the intellectual elite, or with the fundamentalists, but if you look at the political elite, we will have very warm relations - much better than with Egypt - because nothing warms people more than a common enemy," he said. The common enemy is the irredentism of the PLO, he added.

According to Schefman, the PLO has always insisted that it is the sole representative of the Palestinian people, including those living in Jordan. Some maintain that Palestinians make up two-thirds of Jordan's population.

"The PLO has remained an irredentist movement, both westward toward Israel, and eastward toward the Hashemite Kingdom," said Schefman. Since it is more difficult for the PLO to carry out irredentist designs against Israel, Jordan is the natural target, he said.

"The danger for Jordan is more immediate than for Israel. You could have a situation where the government in Jordan is seen as redemptive. Right now, the PLO is busy digesting Gaza. The next step will be to digest the West Bank, then east Jerusalem. They never said that once they have

digested what they have been given they will not try to make their claim to represent all the Palestinians more than just a slogan."

Another common interest, Schefman said, is not allowing an eastern front against Israel, which he said would pose an existential danger to Jordan.

"From a Jordanian point of view, if Saddam Hussein, the Iranians, and Syrians establish an eastern front, the only place for them to deploy is on the East Bank. In this case, Jordan would cease to exist, whatever the outcome of a confrontation."

Although this confluence of interests has existed for years, only now can Hussein make peace without endangering his regime.

"In the 1950s and 1960s, he could not do it because everyone had radical attitudes, and any accommodation would have undermined his regime."

In the '70s, Jordan could not have survived being the first Arab country to make peace with Israel, and it took Egypt - much stronger and more powerful - to be the first. "Only now that the rest of the Arab world has come to the conclusion that there is no other alternative, is Hussein able to move."

Schefman said it is likely that "strategic cooperation" will now develop. "I wouldn't be surprised if there is high intelligence cooperation. I would not be surprised if Israel tries to strengthen Jordan wherever possible."



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# Shahak tells Knesset panel: Wachsmann mission justified

EVELYN GORDON

THE terrorists who held Cpl. Nahshon Wachsmann extended their deadline for negotiations only after the rescue attempt had been launched, at about 7:40 p.m. Friday, Deputy Chief of General Staff Amnon Shahak told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday.

At that point, he said, the army's assessment was that if they were to negotiate, the terrorists would see that they were surrounded and would kill Wachsmann immediately. This assessment was reinforced when the identities of the terrorists — who have been involved in two previous murders — were revealed.

"From our point of view, 9:00 was the deadline," he said. "None of the commanders suggested waiting."

Conducting negotiations would have been difficult in any case, he said, because the terrorists did not even have a phone in the Bir Nabala house in which they were holding Wachsmann. Their only contact with the outside world was a television set, a radio and one contact person who visited occasionally.

All non-military options were explored and rejected, he added.

"This was an action which entailed risks... but it provided a real

chance to save [Wachsmann]," he said. "We didn't find any better alternative."

"We believed that we could save him," he continued. "Our information was good and reliable, and we

know that in an action such as this, if there is a chance of even a second due to surprise, there is a chance that the soldier won't be hurt, or will at least be only wounded."

"We did not receive any informa-

tion from the Palestinians about this gang or this event," he added — though the Palestinians had tried to get information while they thought Wachsmann was in Gaza. "All the intelligence information [about Bir Nabala] was blue and white."

Shahak also said that the contact man, who was seized by the army when he left the terrorists' house at about 6:45 p.m. on Friday, confirmed that Wachsmann was alive at that point.

Shahak also launched a bitter attack on the press for breaking the story of the rescue attempt early.

"It's clear that the information was leaked to CNN from an Israeli source," he said. "Someone leaked it for money. There are people in this country for whom anything is kosher, even at the price of hurting a family, or worse."

"And we have here a reporter [Israel TV's Gali Sukenik] who has to show the Israeli people that he knows more than they do — that he's smart and they're stupid," he continued.

"On Friday something happened [the press leak] which will require thought on our part. This is a public issue to which you [the legislators] will also have to provide some of the answers."

## A-Sanaa wants inquiry

MK Taleb a-Sanaa (DAP) yesterday demanded a commission of inquiry into the government's failure to make use of his attempts to mediate the return of Cpl. Nahshon Wachsmann, while MK Avigdor Kahalani (Labor) attacked a-Sanaa for misleading the nation into thinking negotiations were still possible.

A-Sanaa claimed that he and Israeli Islamic leaders started working on the problem on Wednesday, at the request of a government minister and with the knowledge of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. However, he said, his request to visit imprisoned Sheikh Ahmed Yassin was later turned down twice — allegedly on Rabin's orders — and a tape made by the mayor of Umm el-Fahm selling the terrorists "there is something to talk about" was never broadcast.

Had these leads been followed up, he said, the affair might have ended differently.

Kahalani, however, attacked a-Sanaa for saying on the radio on Friday that the terrorists had extended their deadline for 24 hours, when in fact, the government had received no such assurance.

"He gave the Israeli people the feeling that it was possible to delay the rescue action," he said. "He had no real knowledge, and he lied to the entire nation."

Evelyn Gordon

## Ben-Elissar wants IDF Censor's Office disbanded

LIAT COLLINS

MK Eliezer Ben-Elissar (Likud), of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, yesterday called for the IDF Censor's Office to be disbanded.

On Friday, local news stations abided by censorship laws banning them from mentioning the attempted rescue of Cpl. Nahshon Wachsmann and his death and that of Capt. Nir Poraz until both families had been informed, even though foreign stations carried the story hours before. Both Israel Broadcasting Authority Director-General Mordechai Kirschbaum and Second Television and Radio Authority Director-General Nahman Shal have since called

on Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to change the law.

"I fear censorship in its current form is completely bankrupt," Ben-Elissar told Israel Radio. "As

head of the committee more than two years ago, under the previous government, I appointed a sub-committee to investigate the subject. It reached all sorts of conclusions about necessary changes, but not one has been implemented."

He said the censor's excuse that publication was banned until the bereaved families had been informed did not hold when people could hear about the events on

foreign stations.

He also noted that Rabin and Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak eventually went ahead with their Friday night press conference even though Poraz's family had not been informed of his death.

"We must establish norms about not publishing names, but we must get used to preserving these norms without the censor," he said. "It shouldn't be the censor who enforces these rules, but ethical journalism."

Ben-Elissar said if there is no other way of changing the rules he

would submit a bill to disband the censor's office.

Defense Ministry spokesman Oded Ben-Ami said earlier this week that censorship rules are periodically re-examined, the last being "after the deaths of seven soldiers in South Lebanon. Because one family could not be found, the funerals of some of the soldiers

took place before the announcement of their deaths, although foreign stations like CNN and the BBC had the story. But whenever we have these discussions, we always come back to the one member who will go out of her mind with fear when she hears the announcement."

## Palestinians laud Israel's return to negotiations

LAMIA LAHOUD

PALESTINIANS say Israel made the right decision to return to negotiations on Palestinian elections and redeployment in the territories.

"It would have been a victory for Hamas if Israel had decided to abstain from the negotiations," said Palestinian negotiator Hassan Asfour. "It is in both peoples' interest to advance the negotiations."

Asfour said the Palestinians felt unfairly treated by Israel during the hostage crisis and feel that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin owes Yasser Arafat an apology.

"We feel that the Palestinian Authority did its best to help find the kidnapped soldier," said Arafat spokesman Marwan Kanafeh.

"We released Hamas in Gaza and arrested hundreds of people, although we knew all the time that the Israeli soldier was not in the Gaza Strip."

A retired Palestinian Liberation Army general who is a member of the Palestinian Authority said that the Palestinians had fulfilled their obligations according to the Declaration of Principles by searching for Cpl. Nahshon Wachsmann in Gaza and by arresting Hamas activists there.

Palestinian officials feel relieved the hostage crisis is over and that Wachsmann was held in Israeli-controlled territory. They do not criticize Israel's failed rescue operation — on the contrary, a member of the Palestinian Preventive Security Service in Jericho said the rescue operation was the only real option. He said there had been negotiations between members of the Palestinian Authority and Hamas, but there was no guarantee Hamas would have released Wachsmann.

The retired PLA officer said that members of the authority had been trying to strike a deal with Hamas for the release of Sheikh Yassin in return for the kidnapped soldier. But he, too, avoided criticizing the rescue operation. "Israel had to take a decision keeping three important factors in mind: the life of the soldier, the continuation of the peace process, and not to give in to terrorist demands," he said.

The member of the Preventive Security Service said Israel and the Palestinians had reached an understanding for the release of Sheikh Yassin a week before Wachsmann's abduction. The kidnappers spoiled hopes for the release of the Hamas sheikh, he said.

### Police killed in accident

Police Sgt. Eliaz Maimon, 23, died last night in Beersheba's Soroka Hospital of injuries suffered in a traffic accident earlier in the day when a truck collided head-on with a van, which then hit Maimon, who was standing next to his police car.

## Tze'elim-2 officers given three months' probation

Jerusalem Post Staff

MAJ. K. and Capt. A., the two officers convicted of causing death by negligence in the Tze'elim-2 incident, in which five soldiers in the elite Sayeret Matkal unit were killed by an errant missile, were sentenced yesterday to three months' probation and a one-rank demotion by the General Staff Military Court.

Before sentence was handed down, OC Intelligence Corps Maj.-Gen. Uri Saguy and Sayeret

Matkal officers testified behind closed doors for the defense. MK Gedalya Gal and Jewish Agency official Eli Eyal, both of whose sons served in the unit involved in the 1992 training accident, also testified for the defense.

Court President Col. (res.) Oded Modrik noted that in addition, he had received written material from Chief of General Staff

Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak and Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine, who was in overall command of the exercise.

"All this testimony," he said "had in common a plea to be lenient and, in general, not to sentence the defendants to prison. It is an extraordinary exception to the rule in criminal cases, we also heard the views of most of the bereaved families. Most of them also said they did not want to see the defendants imprisoned."



An IDF officer checks the identity card of a Palestinian worker at the Erez checkpoint yesterday, as the closure of the Gaza Strip, imposed after the kidnapping of Cpl. Nahshon Wachsmann last week, was lifted. (AP)

## Palestinian Police releases prisoners

JON IMMANUEL

THE Palestinian Police yesterday began releasing the first of some 250 Hamas activists imprisoned since last week, while supporters marched to Gaza Central Prison for the second day demanding their freedom.

Police sources revealed that more than 50 prisoners were released yesterday and said many more would be released today.

The anger which had been directed at Israel for not releasing the 200 prisoners demanded by the abductors of Nahshon Wachsmann was now directed at the Palestinian Authority. They were angry not only because of the prisoners, but because of reported collaboration between Palestinian and Israeli security services against Hamas.

A leaflet issued by Hamas yesterday claimed, "The intelligence of the autonomy police reached the Zionists and took them to the place of the mujahadeen. We express our disappointment and anger."

An estimated 10,000 Islamic militants, some shooting in the air, marched to the prison to demand the release of prisoners. The crowd, more than twice as big as one which marched the previous

day, carried banners, green flags, and pictures of Hamas leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin.

The marchers were met by police wearing helmets and brandishing plastic riot shields. Some of the protesters shouted demands for the resignation of security forces commander Gen. Nasser Yusef.

Dr. Mahmoud Zahar, a Hamas spokesman, who earlier had denied any link with the military arm of Hamas, walked with other political leaders accompanying gun-toting youths who shouted, "We are the fighting units. We are Izzadin Kassam."

Ismael Haniye, Sheikh Ahmed Baher, and other Hamas notables walked with the father of slain kidnapper Salah Jadallah. Hassan Abbas, the Hamas gunman killed by border policemen during the terrorist attack in Jerusalem last Sunday, was also represented by family members in the march from Jadallah's house.

Despite the harsh verbal attacks on the police, the crowd, one of the largest seen in Gaza, acted with restraint.

One police colonel, whose resignation was demanded by Hamas

because he had fired in the air to keep demonstrators away from the prison the day before, was suspended from duty.

Israeli security sources have expressed satisfaction with the Palestinian Police's handling of Hamas protests.

Yesterday morning Hamas supporters blocked Morag junction, threw stones at soldiers and an Israeli bus, and were dispersed by Palestinian policemen who fired in the air. On Sunday, Palestinian Police units dispersed 200 students from the Islamic University who besieged an IDF post near Netzarim.

The IDF called the Palestinian Police and — according to Gush Katif spokeswoman Dalia Herszkowitz — together dispersed the rioters by firing into the air.

Herszkowitz said that, taken together, the incidents which both took place at areas under IDF control "show that the IDF must take a tougher stand" to control the areas under its authority.

Herszkowitz said these incidents stem from an IDF policy to let the Palestinian Police deal with the rioting.

Herb Kelson contributed to this report.

## Palestinians hand over hit-and-run suspects

BILL HUTMAN

THREE Palestinians who fled to Jericho after a hit and run accident in which a young boy was killed in Nablus on Sunday have been turned over to the Israel Police by the Palestinian Police.

A police source said a formal request was made with the Palestinian authorities for the three, who were apparently driving a sto-

len car.

"The Palestinian Police responded immediately. They quickly located the three, and promptly turned them over to us," the source said.

"We have had problems in the past in cooperation between the

two police forces. But this is one of many examples of cases when we worked together well," the source added.

The source noted that last month the Palestinian Police turned over several dozen stolen Israeli vehicles thieves had brought to Jericho to the Israel Police.

## Widow of terror victim to be granted citizenship

BILL HUTMAN

NAYELA Mngabi, 30, the Arab woman whose husband was fatally shot in last week's Jerusalem terror attack, is to be granted Israeli citizenship at her request.

Without Israeli citizenship, Mngabi would have likely been forced to leave her present home in Kafr Akab in northern Jerusalem, and not be entitled to the full state-funded compensation granted Israeli families of terror victims.

"All I wanted is to be able to live with my family in Jerusalem," said Mngabi, who moved from Nabulus to Jerusalem upon marrying, but is still registered as a resident of the administered territories.

Ziyad Mngabi, killed by Hamas terrorists in the attack, was a Jerusalem resident and held an Israeli identity card. Nayela, who has a 11-year-old son, said she was excited, but "never bothered" to change identity papers.

Mngabi asked Jerusalem Police chief Cmdr. Arye Amit to make the request on her behalf, when Amit made a condolence visit to her home last week.

Amit immediately contacted the Interior Ministry and was assured that Mngabi would soon receive an Israeli identity card, police said.

## Female police unit proposed to arrest women

EVELYN GORDON

POLICE Minister Moshe Shahal plans to set up a special unit of policewomen to arrest other women, Economics Minister Shimon Shetret told the Knesset yesterday.

Shetret was responding to six motions for the agenda regarding alleged police brutality against Kiyat Arba resident Anat Cohen. According to Cohen, she was arrested because she videotaped the police using brutality against someone else. The police, in contrast, claim they had been looking for her for some time, because she had kicked a police officer and had interfered with an arrest.

What seems to be undisputed, however, is that the police refused to allow Cohen to bring her nursing baby with her. They also allegedly severely bruised her, broke her finger, and even used force against her 10- and 11-year-old sons when they asked to visit her.

MK Naomi Chazan (Meretz) joined several right-wing MKs in protesting the way Cohen had allegedly been treated. While she found Cohen's actions and world-view reprehensible, she said, "It is very possible that [the police] used excessive force against her. And as a woman, I can't understand how they could have separated her from her baby."

Right-wing MKs were far more outspoken. Rehavam Ze'evi (Molde), for instance, accused the police of a history of "violence, lies, inhumanity, [and] sadism" against the Jews of Hebron.

In response, Shetret said the Justice Ministry's division for investigating policemen is checking Cohen's story, even though no formal complaint has been lodged. If her accusations are verified, he said, appropriate action will be taken.

## Esther Wachsmann gives thanks for support

CPL. Nahshon Wachsmann's mother, Esther, issued a statement on American television yesterday, praising the outpouring of support her family received during their ordeal.

"The people of Israel and people all over the world took a giant step of faith when in their homes, synagogues, churches and mosques they prayed for my son, Nahshon," the statement read.

"God is a father, and sometimes a father says no to his children and the children cannot understand why. We don't understand why, but we have not lost our faith in the God of love and justice and mercy."

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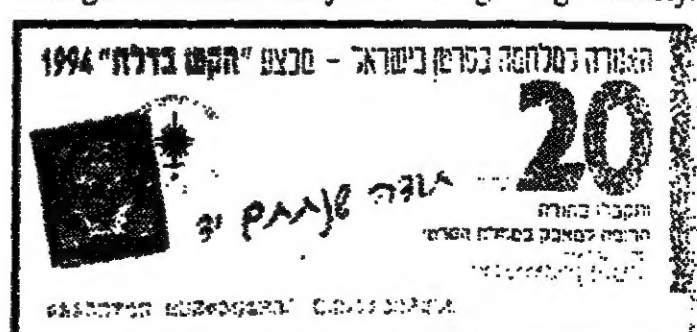
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# Moscow reporter killed in newspaper bombing

A BOMB exploded in the offices of Russia's top-selling daily newspaper yesterday, killing a reporter who was planning to reveal information on illegal arms trading to parliament.

Dmitry Kholodov died of injuries suffered in the blast in the office of *Moskovsky Komsomolets*, chief editor Pavel Gusev said. Another reporter suffered minor injuries.

Kholodov, 27, recently had received threatening letters and phone calls, apparently because of articles he wrote while covering the military beat, Gusev said.

He had written several stories exposing corruption in the military and was scheduled to give testimony soon to the State Duma or lower house of parliament, the newspaper said.

The reporter had just picked up a package from a locker at Kazan

ANGELA CHARLTON  
MOSCOW

railway station after being told it contained documents confirming that officials in the Russian army illegally sold weapons in Germany, Sergei Bogdanov of the Federal Counterintelligence Service said.

When he opened the package, it blew up, authorities said.

Employees said it took 40 minutes for an ambulance to arrive at the newspaper building in central Moscow.

Gusev said today's edition would be devoted to Kholodov, and said the newspaper would not be intimidated by the attack.

"We will tell the entire truth," he said.

Agents from Russia's Federal Counterintelligence Service,

which itself had been the subject of Kholodov's critical reports, joined police in investigating the explosion.

President Boris Yeltsin offered his condolences in a statement and expressed "solidarity with independent journalists fulfilling their debt to civil society and working toward a democratic Russia."

Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov condemned the killing as "an encroachment on democracy and freedom of the press."

The news produced shock and concern at other Moscow newspapers. Journalists at two top dailies, *Sogodnya* and *Izvestia*, and the ITAR-Tass news agency said they were unaware of any other death threats.

"This is horrible, terrifying," said Nikolai Burbigo, military reporter for *Izvestia*. "We must all watch ourselves."

## FBI wiretapped sheikh accused of terrorism

PEG TYRE  
NEW YORK

TEN days before the bombing at the World Trade Center, the FBI began secretly recording the telephone conversations of radical cleric Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman because they suspected he was involved in the planning of terrorist activities, according to court papers and law enforcement sources.

The wiretaps, cited in court documents, are the first acknowledgment that the government was actively building a case against Abdel-Rahman just before the February 26, 1993, explosion that killed six and injured over a thousand.

FBI sources have confirmed that in 1993 they had been investigating the sheikh and Mahmud Abouhalima, who was convicted last spring of the World Trade Center bombing, but they said the case was closed six weeks before the bombing due to lack of evidence.

FBI surveillance photos also reveal that three alleged terrorists, now suspected in the 1990 assassination of militant Rabbi Meir Kahane, were under investigation even before Kahane was murdered, *New York Newsday* has learned. Yet, after the murder, authorities quickly announced it was the work of a lone gunman and not part of a conspiracy.

Although he is not charged with plotting the blast or murder, Abdel-Rahman is charged with heading a terrorist organization that carried out the World Trade Center bombing and conspired to blow up the Lincoln and Holland Tunnel.

He is also charged with plotting to kill Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Opening arguments in the trial of Abdel-Rahman and 13 others charged in the conspiracy are expected to begin in January.

Meanwhile, *The New York Times* reported yesterday that evidence that helped send one man to prison for conspiring to bomb the WTC may be faulty.

Handwriting analyses indicate Ahmad M. Ajaj did not make handwritten notes in a notebook that the government used to link the Palestinian to the bombings, the *Times* reported.

Ajaj, who was in prison when the bomb went off and did not testify at his trial, is planning an appeal, the newspaper said. He received a 240-year sentence.

The *Times* said its investigation of Ajaj's story has unearthed sources and facts that "raise doubts about interpretations of the evidence presented by the prosecutors."

Prosecutors told the *Times* that the account Ajaj gave the paper was a self-serving attempt to influence public opinion.

*Newsday*, AP

## Book reveals Nicole Simpson had an affair with O.J.'s football pal

NEW YORK (Reuters) - A book to be released this week says Nicole Simpson, the ex-wife of O.J. Simpson, had an affair with his friend and fellow football star Marcus Allen, *New York* newspapers reported yesterday.

The book, written by Nicole Simpson's friend Faye Resnick, also reveals the couple argued on the evening of June 12, when O.J. Simpson is alleged to have killed his ex-wife and her friend, Ronald Goldman, *Newsday* reported.

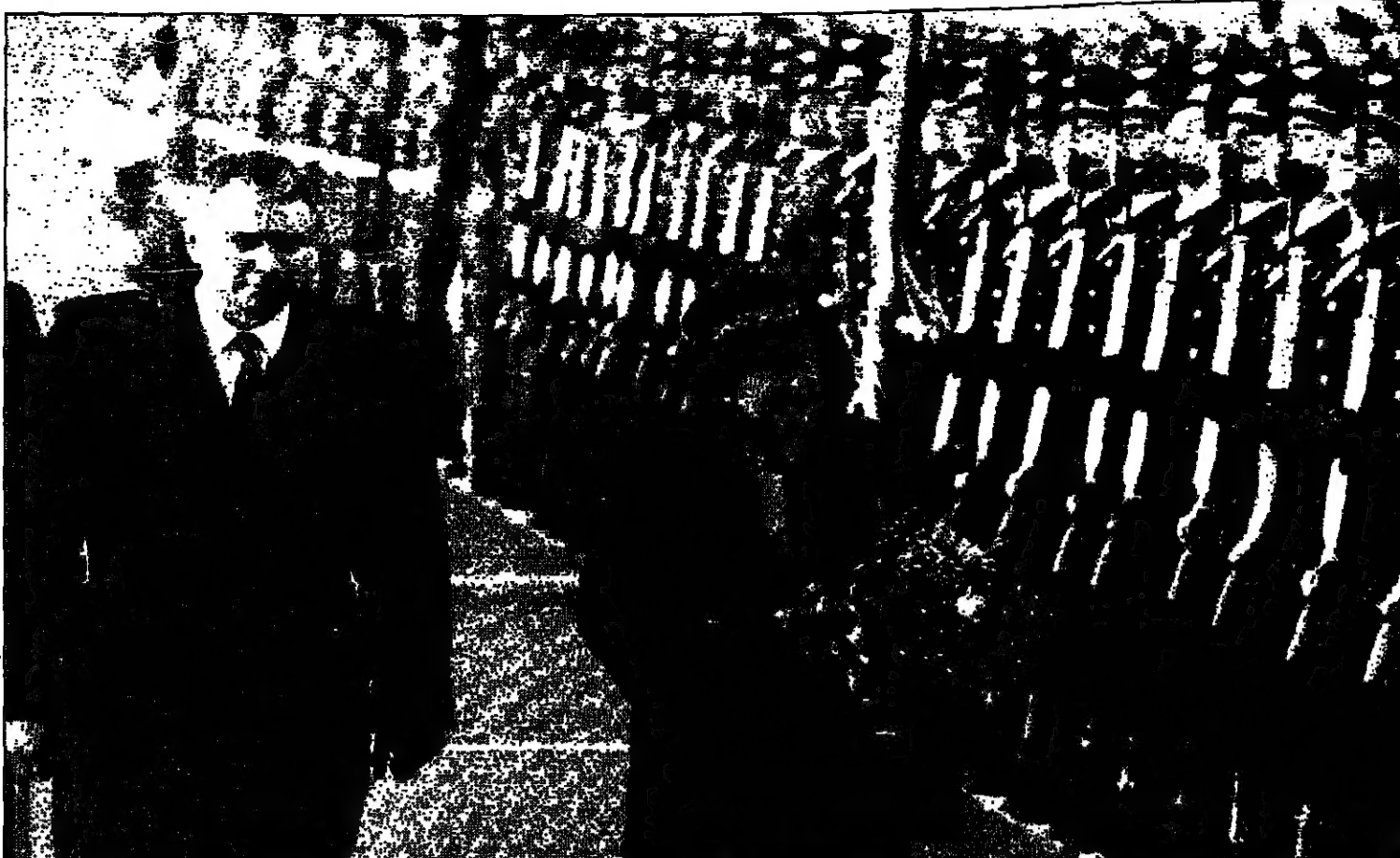
Simpson, 47, has pleaded not guilty to the murders. Nicole Simpson and Goldman were found stabbed to death outside her luxury townhouse in the Brentwood area of Los Angeles.

The *New York Post* carried a front-page headline "Nicole had affair with O.J. Pal" on its report about the book entitled *Nicole Brown Simpson: The Private Diary Of A Life Interrupted*, published by Dove Books and in bookstores tomorrow.

It said Resnick told Nicole Simpson "trouble isn't a big enough word to cover this kind of forbidden relationship." The *Post* story said the affair began in the spring of 1992, when Nicole Simpson was separated from O.J. Simpson and Allen was engaged to be married.

The *Daily News* said Simpson knew about the affair but remained friends with Allen.

According to *Newsday*, the book reveals O.J. Simpson and his ex-wife had a showdown on the night of the murders at their daughter Sydney's dance recital, when Nicole reportedly objected to his presence there and told him, "F--- off! Get away from us! Get out of my life! You're not welcome in this family anymore!"



Queen Elizabeth II, escorted by Russian Deputy Prime Minister Oleg Soskovets, inspects an honor guard yesterday upon her arrival in Moscow. (AP)

## Queen Elizabeth's arrival on historic visit to Russia overshadowed by family furor

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Queen Elizabeth arrived in Moscow yesterday on a ground-breaking visit meant to bury Anglo-Russian Cold War enmity but already overshadowed by a royal family furor over a biography of her heir, Prince Charles.

The queen, with her husband Prince Philip, who Charles has blamed in a new biography for making his life unhappy, were taken to Moscow's renowned Bolshoi Theatre by their host, President Boris Yeltsin, for a performance of *Giselle*.

"For Russia this visit is the utmost recognition that our country is on the road to democracy," Yeltsin told reporters.

The four-day trip, the first visit to Russia by any reigning British monarch, is designed to cement Anglo-Russian ties after decades of Cold War hostility.

Wrapped in a brown mink coat to shield her from the icy autumn air, the queen was met at Vnukovo VIP airport by Russian officials, national anthems and a military parade.

President Boris Yeltsin, who is to pay the 68-year-old queen a rare tribute for visitors by accompanying her to the old imperial capital

St. Petersburg at the end of the four-day visit, welcomed his guests in the ornate St. George's Hall.

By accepting Yeltsin's 1992 invitation to visit, the queen indicated her family has now forgiven the land which toppled its last czar, Nicholas II, her first cousin twice removed, in 1917 and shot him a year later. The queen's grandfather, King George V, the czar's first cousin, refused to give Nicholas II asylum a year earlier.

Philip, 73, said in an interview published yesterday with London's *Daily Telegraph* that the slaughter of the Romanovs was part of his family's folklore.

"But I don't look at this as a family occasion," Philip said. "We went through this whole drama of the collapse of the Marxist state and now we see the gradual recombining of countries... there is tremendous potential."

Despite the historical symbolism, the queen's arrival was clouded by embarrassment after Charles, in a biography serialized on Sunday, blamed his domineering father for childhood misery and for forcing him into a loveless

union with Princess Diana.

Buckingham Palace aides in Moscow spent the day limiting damage caused by the latest upset.

Scandal-hunting British newspapers said the queen was so vexed by the Charles biography, which portrays his marriage as a charade from its glittering start in 1981, that she took the rare step of authorizing her officials to make public her irritation.

"This is absolute nonsense," a palace spokesman said. "This book has been in preparation for two years and it hardly comes as a shock to the queen."

Some royal watchers wondered what effect Charles' latest outpourings would have on a monarchy reeling from scandals about his adultery and allegations his wife got her own back in a five-year affair with a cavalry officer.

But Philip, interviewed by Britain's *Daily Telegraph* amid the rumors of a deep rift between him and Charles, said he believed the monarchy was safe.

"We, for the last 1,000 years or more, have had a hereditary system. If it's lasted as long as that, it can't be all that bad," he said.

## Six-year-old Oslo boys suspected of killing girl

OSLO (AP) - A five-year-old Norwegian girl was taunted, abused and finally kicked to death over the weekend, allegedly by her six-year-old playmates, police and news media reported yesterday.

The girl, Silje Marie Redergard, was found dead in a playground Saturday in a suburb of Trondheim, a town on Norway's western coast about 375 kilometers from the capital Oslo.

Police and families in the community were stunned. A school principal called the killing more shocking than the murder of a British toddler, James Bulger, by two 10-year-olds last year in Liverpool, England.

"It is a tragedy for the girl's family and the others involved," police chief Per Marum told the national news agency NTB.

If the girl's male playmates

turn out to be guilty, Marum said, "this is not a matter for the police but for the social authorities."

The boys have not been charged with any crime, because Norwegian law does not allow murder charges against minors. At least one has left police custody and gone home.

According to Norwegian and Swedish media, the three boys and Silje were playing together Saturday morning.

At one point, according to the Oslo newspaper *Verdens Gang*, the boys persuaded Silje to take off her clothes. They then decided "to be mean" to her, according to *Verdens Gang* and the Swedish newspaper *Expressen*.

The boys took turns pushing Silje and jumping on the crying child. At one point she stopped crying, *Expressen* said.

One boy allegedly picked up a stone and hit her with it on the head and body, *Verdens Gang* said. The boys told police they held Silje down by the arms and legs and kicked her.

Police have not said what triggered the attack or what may have led the suspects to be so vicious.

"The last thing on earth that I could have imagined was that my little son could have participated in something like this," said the unidentified mother of one boy, quoted by *Expressen*.

"This is terrible," she said, "but my son suffers too. He believes that people can get back up after being beaten down."

The boys initially had blamed some teenagers who were seen near the playground. But under seven hours of questioning, they broke down and recounted their actions.

## Chunnel passenger lines open Nov. 14

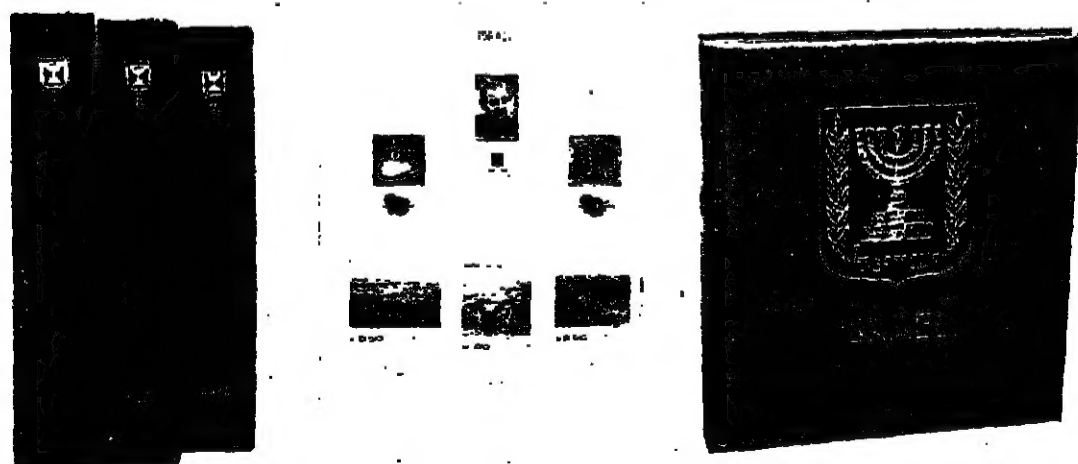
LONDON - Eurostar high-speed passenger trains will link London with Paris and Brussels through the Channel tunnel beginning November 14, at prices little cheaper than plane tickets, rail companies said on Monday.

Eurostar services start six months after President Francois Mitterrand and Queen Elizabeth inaugurated the tunnel, the first land link since the Ice Age between France and Britain.

In sterling, round-trip fares range from £35 (\$152) for tickets bought 14 days in advance to £195 (\$312) for a first class round trip, including meals.

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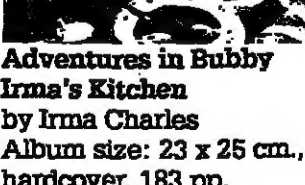
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## Kohl confident, but partners bicker over new cabinet

BONN (AP) — Touting reports for counting him dead, Chancellor Helmut Kohl said Monday he would rule happily with a small majority and quickly moved to form a new cabinet.

His junior coalition partners exchanged insults as Kohl sought to convert a 10-vote majority in the parliament chosen Sunday into four more years of power.

Early this year the press predicted that the day after the elections, we'd all be so depressed we could barely walk out the door," Kohl said. "That didn't happen."

Markets welcomed Kohl's victory and the German mark rose slightly against the dollar. Kohl promised to keep a steady keel in foreign policy and to further European integration.

"We are staying on our course," the chancellor said. "All of us need Europe but we Germans need Europe more than others do."

Economists said the slim majority and new opposition muscle in the upper house of parliament would slow Kohl's campaign to trim the 700-billion-mark (\$462 billion) federal budget deficit and cut red tape that hinders innovation in German industry.

Various analysts and several leading Social Democrats predicted that a leftward trend among voters would force Kohl out by the end of 1996.

Voters Sunday dealt a potential death blow to Germany's leading right radical party, the Republicans, which lost its pet cause when Kohl cracked down on immigration with a new asylum law last year.

While the extreme right is on the upswing in Italy, France, Belgium and Austria, the Republicans won just 1.9 percent of Sunday's vote, far below the 5 percent required to enter parliament.

Jewish leader Ignatz Bubis, often the target of the Republicans, said he was happily surprised "but it doesn't mean that the danger from the right has been banished for good."

Among the fresh faces in parliament were its first people of color — two second-generation children of Turkish immigrants, Cem Ozdemir of the left-wing Greens, and Leyla Onur, elected for the Social Democrats in Braunschweig.

Parliament debates about the integration of the seven million foreigners living in Germany will for the first time have a Turkish-

inflected voice in Ozdemir, 28, who gained citizenship at age 18 after renouncing his Turkish passport.

Ozdemir promised to campaign for dual citizenship for children of foreigners born in Germany or immigrants who spend more than eight years here.

Germany's 1913 citizenship law bases citizenship largely on race, although there are sometimes exceptions for those who renounce their original citizenship.

Also elected was Volker Beck of the Greens, who leads a national gay rights group.

The biggest winners of Sunday's vote were left-wingers: the Greens, who went from 8 to 49 seats in parliament, and the east German-based Party of Democratic Socialism or PDS, which went from 17 to 30.

PDS candidate Stefan Heym, an 81-year-old writer who landed at Normandy with the US Army in World War II, will be the house elder, giving the first speech in parliament's ceremonial opening in Berlin next month.

Kohl said he was eager to begin Cabinet negotiations and wanted to avoid a repeat of 1990, when they dragged out for months.

## Divided vote in a united Germany

NEWS ANALYSIS  
ALON PINKAS

SEVERAL key trends and facts have emerged from Germany's elections this week. All of them may have far-reaching implications for the political shape of Europe's superpower in coming years.

First, Chancellor Helmut Kohl's victory with the narrowest and least politically comfortable of margins may prove a very precarious and unstable one when the 13th Bundestag convenes in Berlin next week.

Second, given the year-long trend that predicted a Social Democratic Party (SPD) victory, the Christian Democrats (CDU) win seems almost sensational, despite its worst showing since the 1949 elections.

Third, Kohl has been rescued by the Free Democrats (FDP) but he effectively sided them in turn by encouraging CDU voters to split their vote. While that may prove enough to forge — or rather continue — the current coalition, it also spells dire political news for the FDP. The Free Democrats have by now fully realized that they lack a hard-core constituency and merely act as an artificial coalition partner for the conservative CDU.

Fourth, there is the SPD, which gained almost three percentage points and 1.6 million new voters (45 million Germans voted — a 75 percent turnout). They have positioned themselves not only on a jumping-off point from which they can seriously challenge the CDU 1998, when Kohl will complete his fourth and last term, but also in a very strong position from which to topple the chancellor at any point during his tenure.

The CDU-FDP group holds a two-member advantage in the Bundestag and the SPD will undoubtedly try to drive a wedge into the fragmented FDP in the hope that potential defectors can be lured to join the opposition in any no-confidence vote against Kohl.

Fifth, the Party for Democratic Socialism (PDS), the heirs of Erich Honecker's former East German Communist Party, sent a clear and resounding warning to both of the big parties and to the German public.

The message is that east Germans' disillusion and discontent over unemployment and the economy carries a political price tag. Winning almost 18 percent in the five states that made up the old communist country, the PDS has issued a warning to Kohl, who has already poured \$350 billion into the east.

Lastly, the weak 1.9 percent showing of the Republicans — essentially Germany's anti-immigration, neo-Nazi party — clearly demonstrates that they have lost any electoral appeal. But it also indicated that some of their concerns have been taken on board by the CDU.

The election results, attributable mainly to a strong post-recession economy, reflect a Germany that is confident, prosperous and basically happy with itself.

In such circumstances, Kohl could easily find himself a victim not of issues, but of coalition simple arithmetic.

The writer, who is defense correspondent of The Jerusalem Post, is in Germany to cover the elections.

## UN won't use force against Bosnian Army

SARAJEVO (REUTERS) — UN peacekeepers yesterday ruled out the use of force to dislodge 500 Bosnian government troops from a demilitarized zone near Sarajevo despite threats from the Bosnian Serb army.

Bosnian Serb commanders have said they will enter the zone on the slopes of Mount Igman and attack the Muslim-led Bosnian army units unless the UN persuades them to leave by Thursday.

The ultimatum and the possibility of renewed fighting around the besieged Bosnian capital inflicted more disruption on the UN's limping efforts to provide aid to the city and Muslim enclaves trapped in Serb-held territory.

Tim Spicer of the UN Protection Force (UNPROFOR) said UN commanders did not plan to repeat an operation earlier this month when peacekeepers forced Bosnian army soldiers out of their bunkers and off Igman at gunpoint.

"We are not configured for the sort of military action that would be required to eject a sizable body of government forces that are in defensive positions and prepared to fight. That is not our mission," he added.

The Bosnian government army has two brigades in the DMZ. The commander of one has agreed to withdraw but the other has refused, the UN said. About 650 soldiers have already left the area where the UN destroyed their vacated fortifications.

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## Iraqi parliament backs Saddam, but silent on Kuwait

BAGHDAD (Reuters) — Iraq's parliament ended a special session yesterday by backing President Saddam Hussein's handling of its troubled relations with the United Nations but not revealing if it had accepted a UN demand for recognition of Kuwait.

The official Iraqi News Agency said the 250-member body had reiterated support for steps taken by Saddam, who last week endorsed a Russian plan to recognize Kuwait's new borders in return for a lifting of the ban on Iraq's oil exports in six months.

"The assembly renews its support of the steps taken by President Saddam Hussein to ensure Iraq's sovereignty and security and all its rights — in the forefront to lift the unfair embargo on the Iraqi people," the INA statement said.

The session ended as Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev was proposing the plan to the United Nations in New York that would have Iraq recognize Kuwait.

Also at the United Nations, Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz said Baghdad's recognition of Kuwait "was under consideration" but gave no details on when this would be carried out.

Following the parliamentary session in Baghdad, it was not stated if recognition of the Kuwait borders set by the United Nations after the 1991 Gulf War was discussed but members of parliament told reporters before the start of the session that Kuwait was expected to be high on the agenda.

One member said parliament would debate a recommendation by the Revolutionary Command Council, Iraq's highest body, to accept Kuwait as a sovereign state within the border demarcated after Iraqi occupation troops were driven out in 1991.

"I think the matter is over. We will have to coexist as two sovereign and independent states," he said. No Iraqi leader has accepted the independence of Kuwait, which was described by Saddam as Iraq's 19th province.

However, Britain and the United States — two of the five permanent members of the Security Council — had already described acceptance of the Kuwait border as only satisfying one of a number of UN resolutions.

## UN declares Angola peace accord

JOWIE MWINGA  
LUSAKA, Zambia

ANGOLA'S government and the rebels it has fought for 19 years have agreed on a peace treaty, the chief UN negotiator announced yesterday.

The pact, worked out in almost a year of negotiations in Lusaka, Zambia, would try to end a civil war that has survived despite previous peace treaties, a national election and international pressure against the combatants.

Alioune Blondin Beye, the UN special representative who mediated the protracted and sometimes struggling negotiations, said he was confident this agreement would mean lasting peace, and not unravel as did a truce the United Nations negotiated in 1991.

"This time we're going to have direct international involvement, including the presence of UN peacekeepers. We have also tried to address the deeper issues rather than just put a cease-fire in place," Beye said.

Negotiators from the government and the rebels flanked Beye at a news conference but did not speak. They appeared elated, joking and laughing together.

The agreement covered 10 points, including a cease-fire, power sharing and the confining of disarmed rebel forces in barracks until they can be integrated into a new national army.

Beye said negotiators would now return to Angola to present the agreement to their leaders for ratification, and that a signing ceremony in Lusaka was expected in "a matter of days."

Under the treaty, a UN force of foreign troops would provide security while President Jose Eduardo dos Santos' government and the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) rebels carry out a power-sharing arrangement.

A joint commission, comprising members of the government, the rebels and the United Nations, would oversee implementation of the agreement. Russia, Portugal and the United States would have observer status.

The signing ceremony could occur near the time another war-ridden former Portuguese colony, Mozambique, holds its first multiparty election.

With the United Nations playing prominent roles in both Angola and Mozambique, the two events would mark rare successes for the world body after a string of failures in Africa.

South Africa's shift this year from white minority rule to a black-led government under President Nelson Mandela also has helped stabilize the region. The former apartheid government supported rightist rebels in Angola and Mozambique in its campaign against the spread of Soviet-backed socialism.

Angola's war erupted on the eve of the southern African nation's independence from Portugal in 1975 and evolved into a satellite battle of the Cold War between the United States and the former Soviet Union.

The formerly Marxist government received backing from the Soviet Union and Cuba, while the United States and South Africa backed the rebels led by Jonas Savimbi. In 1988, Cuba and South Africa negotiated their mutual withdrawal from the conflict.

The 1991 treaty led to national elections won by dos Santos and his ruling Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola party. But Savimbi rejected the results and fighting resumed.

More than 500,000 people have been killed in the war, which divided and devastated the oil-rich nation of more than 10 million people. Fighting has continued throughout the negotiations that began late last year. (AP)

## Aristide repeats calls for reconciliation

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

President Jean-Bertrand Aristide renewed his appeal for justice and reconciliation yesterday, just hours after a mob burned the home of the new army commander's mother.

The mob torched the house belonging to the mother of Maj.-Gen. Jean-Claude Duvalier after a false rumor circulated late Sunday that Duvalier had tried to assassinate Aristide.

At least nine other houses and five stores also were burned in the city of Gonaives, including a house belonging to the grandmother of former junta leader Lt. Col. Michel Francois. A grain depot owned by the Brands, one of Haiti's richest families, was looted.

Radio Signal-FM said US and Haitian soldiers arrested more than 100 people in putting down the violence in Gonaives.

The violence illustrated the daunting challenge Aristide faces in bringing Haiti into a new era of democracy.

Aristide summoned Duvalier to the National Palace on Sunday to discuss how to dismantle the military, including cutting the army roster by 80 percent.

As several hundred Haitians waited outside, unfounded rumors spread that the army chief had tried to kill Aristide.

When Duvalier left, the crowd yelled and angrily pounded on his car. Some in the crowd carried sticks and machetes, shouting, "Give us Duvalier! We don't want the army anymore!"

A lottery kiosk owned by an army backer was ransacked during the demonstration, which lasted for several hours until US military officers told the crowd to go home.

Today, enthusiastic crowds greeted Aristide in the capital and even threatened to keep him from



A Haitian boy cries after cutting his hand yesterday while searching a trash dump for food in Port-au-Prince. (AP)

laying a wreath at the national museum to commemorate the assassination in 1806 of Jean-Jacques Dessalines, one of Haiti's founding fathers.

In a brief statement at the National Palace, Aristide said he wanted to "create a state of law

like all modern societies." But when he attempted to leave in a motorcade for the museum, thousands of cheering supporters mobbed the vehicles, forcing their back.

After several minutes of consultations between U.S. and Haitian officials, the motorcade left through a back entrance and made its way to the museum.

On Sunday, two people were hacked to death as Aristide backers clashed with their former oppressors. At least 3,000 people were killed under repressive military rule after Aristide was overthrown in a September 1991 coup.

In the Cite Soleil slum, the Aristide stronghold often targeted by the army, two dozen Aristide supporters went on a machete-wielding rampage Sunday against members of the Front for the Advancement and Progress of Haiti. That paramilitary group has killed and brutalized many Aristide supporters.

When the vigilantes found one FRAPH member, Lorreus Francois, they bloodied his wife's face and tore her dress as she appealed to them to leave her husband alone.

A neighbor persuaded them to leave. Less than two hours later, witnesses said, Francois came outside and angrily whacked a machete into the first person he saw, a pull-cart driver named Jean, killing him.

The vigilantes returned and killed Francois, then burned a Haitian army helmet and a green olive drab uniform they found in his home.

Aristide plans to trim the estimated 7,450-member armed forces to 1,500, although so many soldiers have deserted that the military's current size is unclear. Some army officers accompanied coup leaders Raoul Cedras and Michel Francois into exile.

## South African township tense after massacre

KHAYELITSHA, South Africa (AP) — Soldiers armed with automatic rifles stood guard yesterday at a glass-strewn township road where 11 blacks were shot to death and 14 injured after a political rally.

The attack Sunday after a joint rally of opposing political organizations was believed to be part of a violent conflict between black taxi organizations in this township outside Cape Town.

Members of rival taxi groups as well as bystanders were gunned down by 15 attackers who opened fire with AK-47 rifles, 9mm pistols and other weapons as people were leaving a sports stadium.

Two dozen police officers launched an investigation, and extra police and soldiers patrolled potential flash points

in the area, but no arrests were made.

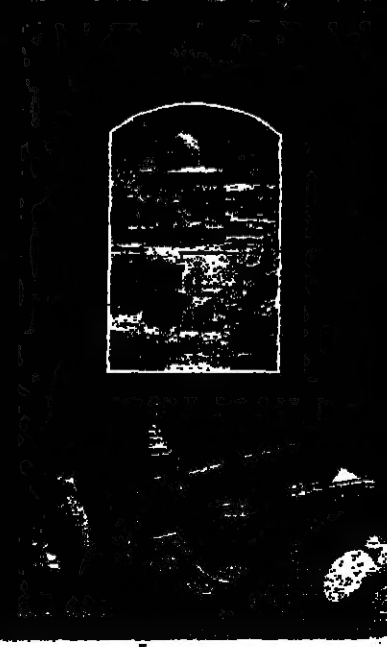
The massacre evoked memories of a taxi war over routes that raged for more than a year in Cape Town's black townships before the South Africa's first all-race election last April. Fighting ended with a merger between rival groups into the Congress of Democratic Taxi Associations (CODETA).

Sunday's attack was believed linked to rivalry between CODETA and the Cape Amalgamated Taxi Associations (CATA), a splinter group allied to the black militant Pan Africanist Congress.

Members of the groups agreed to a cease-fire last night, the South African Broadcasting Corp. reported. It said a committee would be formed to work together to avoid further attacks.

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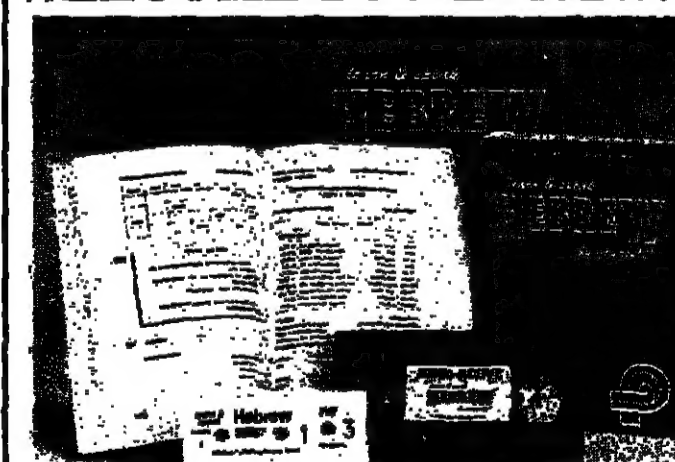


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## The Jordan pact

**E**VEN King Hussein's worst critics acknowledge his remarkable ability to survive in a volatile, turmoil-ridden, and dangerous region. That he has decided to sign a peace treaty with Israel is therefore significant, not only because 15 years after the conclusion of the Israel-Egypt peace agreement a second Arab country has entered the circle of peace. His decision means that even the most cautious and pragmatic of leaders feels that peace with Israel is a safe move, part of the wave of the future.

Perhaps the most striking fact is that Hussein has reneged on his promise to wait for other Arab countries - mostly Syria - to make corresponding steps before he signs on the dotted line. He has obviously reached the conclusion that deferring to Syria is no longer necessary for survival. This was not always the case. When Hussein showed signs of responding to Israeli overtures in the mid 1980s, Syria brought it into line with terrorist strikes against Jordanian targets in Jordan and other countries. This time the Syrian reaction has been one of tacit acquiescence.

The reason for this is that the economic future of both Jordan and Syria depends on normal relations with the West. The ultimate reward for signing a treaty with Israel is not the benefits of Israeli tourism, but American grants, loans, investments, and technological assistance. The difference the demise of the Soviet empire has made is not that Syria and other radical states cannot acquire arms from formerly Communist countries, but that they cannot rely on them for economic assistance and trade.

That Israelis of all political stripes are welcoming the treaty with Jordan is hardly surprising. Hussein is popular in Israel for the same reason he is popular throughout the West: he is a dignified, courteous, Western-educated man of the world with none of the threatening qualities of the region's dictators. And although his rule is autocratic, its brutality cannot compare with the enormities of neighboring regimes. Even such major offenses as the unprovoked attack on Israel in 1967 and the Jordanian alliance with Saddam Hussein have been rationalized as acts of a small country coerced into action by pressures from powerful

dictators. But the main reason for the favorable Israeli response to the deal with Jordan is that its costs are relatively reasonable. No major, strategic territories are being forfeited, nor is the potential for terrorist activity being enhanced. In fact, the treaty mostly legitimates an illicit situation. What has been a secret affair for 27 years is now a public relationship.

If there are any reservations about the agreement, they stem from the difficulty in believing that the government is being completely honest about its terms. That Israel, which suffers from a chronic water shortage, is relinquishing a large amount of water may be viewed as an acceptable risk. So is the acknowledgment of Jordanian sovereignty over tracts of land.

But what precisely Amman expects to do about the hundreds of thousands of refugees who still profess an ambition to "return" to Israel is not clear. It would have been far more reassuring if an obligation to resettle them in permanent housing were undertaken by Jordan.

Nor is it known to what extent Jordan is committed to resisting the entry of another Arab army into its territory. As those who remember the details of the Gulf War know, it was not the Saudis which were deemed a threat to Israel's security, but the possibility that an Iraqi army would cross the kingdom of Jordan and invade Israel.

Finally, the most nagging thought about the treaty is the fact that it is being concluded with a ruler rather than a nation. Jordan may have a parliament, but it is not yet a democracy. As long as Hussein and his brother, Crown Prince Hassan, are in power, chances are the agreement will be kept. But unless they succeed in converting the kingdom into a true, stable, and representative democracy, the character and attitude of the regime which will follow them are unpredictable.

True, the strength of the Islamic militants in Jordan has diminished since Iraq's defeat in the war. But they still represent a powerful, unregenerate element. It is the thought that, if a hostile regime takes over in Jordan, it will not have the advantage of strategic assets forfeited by Israel that makes the agreement particularly welcome.

## Mother of parliaments

**T**HE mural over the entrance of the so-called parliament building in Baghdad names it "the Assembly of the Mother of All Battles," as near an admission as one could expect in Saddam City that it is the assembly of the mother of all lies. This little theater of the absurd played a new farce to eager Iraq-watchers yesterday as it allegedly "debated" whether to extend recognition to Kuwait.

Parliament speaker Saadi Mehdi Salah and Foreign Minister Mohammed Sahhat took their places in military uniform and declared the assembly open, before immediately ordering it into closed session. This left the assembled media to fall back on the ever-present "analysts" to furrow their brows over this democratic exercise. One such was Dr. Mohammed Adhamy, a professor of history at Baghdad University, whose considered opinion was that, "If the session is devoted to recognizing Kuwait, the motion would likely pass," because members were keen to get UN sanctions on Iraq eased.

Some reports did at least point out that the parliament merely rubber stamps prior decisions by the Revolutionary Command Council, which in turn rubber stamps Saddam Hussein's latest whim. That, of course, makes any resolution by the assembly worth marginally less than any paper it might be written on - which, in turn, is probably worth a lot more than Saddam's word.

Saddam's most famed encounter with paper

and words was in 1979, when he ripped up, publicly and on television, a carefully negotiated, signed, permanent treaty with Iran, as Iraqi troops poured over the border to invade that unsuspecting country. With Kuwait, he didn't even bother with pieces of paper - until now. And yesterday the world waited, as if for some significant event, a so-called "formal recognition" of Kuwait's right to exist.

As far as Kuwait is concerned, the emirate is much better off being on the receiving end of Iraqi invective and military feints. At least it knows exactly where it stands. Since hope springs eternal in the human breast, especially when stoked by knowledgeable analysts, the unfortunate Kuwaitis might just be soporific enough to fall for the "recognition" ploy. In fact, being recognized by Saddam should feel as comforting as being recognized by a vampire on a dark night.

It can only be with a weary sigh that one may wonder when the world will stop playing games of democracy, diplomacy, and "recognition" with the likes of this man, as if he were the prime minister of Denmark. In a real country with an elected leader, parliament, and foreign minister, the Kuwaiti and sanctions "problems" could be solved in ten minutes over a cup of coffee. What Saddam Hussein may or may not recognize is irrelevant. The only important development worth waiting for is the moment Iraqis deny the right to exist of this "mother of all leaders."



## Hussein: 'I am ready'

MOSHE ZAK

**T**HREE weeks after the Six Day War, Dr. Ya'acov Herzog met King Hussein in London. "Is Your Highness ready to sign a peace treaty with Israel?" asked Premier Eshkol's special emissary.

The king's reply was: "Yes, I am ready. But give me time. I must go forward together with the rest of the Arab world."

Today, circumstances are such that Hussein can move in tandem with other Arab states. Egypt has signed a peace treaty with Israel; the PLO has signed the Declaration of Principles. Syria is engaged in negotiations with Israel, and Saudi Arabia has done away with the boycott on countries which do business with us.

Hussein was actually ready to join the Sadat-Begin negotiations in 1978, and phoned Anwar Sadat at Camp David. But Sadat turned him down, and the Americans went along with Sadat. This served to push Hussein temporarily into the arms of the rejectionist front, formed in Baghdad to protest against Egypt's peace moves.

But Hussein was maintaining special ties with Israel. He wasn't able to reveal these until July this year, owing to threats and pressure from Syria and the PLO. Now, things are different: the king seems to feel that Syria's drive for a dialogue with Washington has diminished the impact of Syrian pressure to stop Jordan conducting separate negotiations with Israel.

Hussein's contacts with Israel throughout the years extended to the conclusion of secret agreements on borders, water and security. Now, despite his promise to Hafiz Assad that open negotiations with Israel were aimed only at retrieving territory and water, and that a final peace treaty would be signed only within the framework of a settlement in "all chan-

nels" (after Israel and Syria settle all the differences between them), he is ready to put his name to agreements that are larger in scope.

Hussein now faces a dilemma: what to say to Assad on his next visit to Damascus. He will have to find some way of explaining why he didn't wait for a comprehensive peace with all the Arab states, including a peace treaty with Israel instead.

### After 31 years of confidence-building measures with Jordan, a treaty

In addition to a commitment in principle to not signing a separate treaty, Hussein is bound to an agreement with Syria regarding the waters of the Yarmouk River. The treaty with Israel contains an agreement about building dams on the Yarmouk; in opposition to this, Jordan's agreement with Syria calls for building the "Unky Dam" on the same river.

Jordan has liberated itself from past Syrian military threats and political and economic pressure aimed at preventing its dialogue with Israel. Now, if there is no movement in the Israel-Syria relationship - or at least in relations between Syria and the US - the king will have to invest a lot of effort in reconciling Syria to these peace moves.

**FEW REMEMBER** that a non-aggression pact between Israel and Jordan was initiated in 1950. But it never went beyond the initialing stage. Amid the joy at the treaty which swept Israel yesterday, one

should remember that Hussein's way to peace is still strewn with many difficulties.

Hussein has always been aware of the limits to which he could go in seeking peace with Israel. That is why even during his first conversation with an Israeli representative in 1963, he said: "The final settlement will demand much time. That is why it is our historic duty to open, discreetly, fields of cooperation which will lead to the desired agreement."

And he has taken discreet steps in this direction all along - except for his one major slip in 1967. And over all these years, Israel has tried to help him.

This quiet cooperation yielded results. It led to a comprehensive distribution of water between Israel and Jordan; Israel's withdrawal from 85 sq. km. in the Arava, and the handing over of that area to Jordan. It also led to security arrangements on the borders.

But Hussein never told his people. Now, he can make the announcement to the Jordanian parliament, pointing to the agreement with Israel, which gives Jordan hundreds of sq. km. and tens of millions of cubic meters of water.

To help Hussein sell the agreement to Jordan and the Arab world, Israel has shown a great deal of generosity. In truth, Jordan's dissociating itself from Judea and Samaria meant it was entitled to less water, not more; but Israel wasn't about to be pedantic about the water issue, nor about borders. It viewed its concessions as confidence-building measures.

It is still too early to tell how Hussein will reciprocate this generosity. Clearly, he is assuming that the agreement will not provoke angry Arab reaction.

Israel has done what it could to make things easy for the king. But Hussein is still taking a gamble.

The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on current affairs.

## Scientists who scrub floors

RANDY EATON

**L**ABOR and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir's chilling call for a policy of "selective" aliyah was, properly, denounced by Prime Minister Rabin. But Namir merely articulated the unstated, de facto policy which has undermined the failure of two governments to address the issue seriously: that aliyah is dispensable.

While our political leaders and public officials loudly proclaim immigration to be a - perhaps the - major national goal, the absence of an effective absorption program five years after the floodgates of aliyah were flung open starkly reflects the low priority accorded to aliyah.

The lifting of the Iron Curtain in the late 1980s revealed a potential immigration of millions of highly educated, ambitious Soviet Jews. The ingathering of far-flung exiles, whose only connection to Judaism was often the word "Zhid" emblazoned on their identity card seemed to herald a new era.

The mass aliyah would help fulfill our national destiny; the influx of brainpower and scientific expertise would contribute immeasurably to our economic self-sufficiency.

How did the dream turn to ashes in a few short years? Too often we hear shocking tales: immigrants languishing in absorption facilities under appalling conditions; highly skilled professionals wasting their talents in menial jobs; financial and sexual exploitation; physical and emotional abuse of immigrant youngsters by schoolmates.

A recent Ministry of Absorption pamphlet states that only 30 percent of Russian immigrants are working in their fields; that unemployment is double that of the general population; that almost 45 percent of immigrants still lack

grants have proven singularly successful in helping fellow immigrants acclimate to Israel. These self-help bodies play an invaluable role in identifying the immigrants' real needs and in providing practical solutions to their problems. A wide range of multi-faceted programs run by these organizations have assisted tens of thousands of new immigrants to become productive, fulfilled citizens.

Most of these organizations operate on shoestring budgets. Their leaders are intimately acquainted with immigrants' backgrounds and mentalities. They are people whose courage, iron will, and Zionist commitment enabled them to prevail over the KGB, not bureaucrats or party hacks who got their jobs as the result of political horse-trading.

To date, not one red cent of the hard-won \$10b. in loan guarantees granted for immigrant absorption has been allocated for direct aliyah needs. Rather, the funds have been siphoned off for Kupat Holim, for rescuing the kibbutzim, for road construction and other purposes only tangentially related to immigration, if at all.

The premier's reaffirmation that aliyah is the raison d'être of the state is to be welcomed. But words must be accompanied by deeds. Rabin must provide proof of his government's commitment to absorption by allocating resources where they can truly make a difference.

If funds for real - not perceived - needs are immediately made available, we may yet see serious results by 1996. We may yet turn a national calamity into a national windfall.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### NON-EVENT

Sir, - David Bar-Ilan has even astonished those accustomed to his panoptic whinnies about the "world against us" - or now, more obviously, against the Likud. In his column of September 30, he complains about what was not carried in the press globally, namely the non-event of Bibi Netanyahu meeting Prime Hassan of Jordan in London.

While a good photo-op for Bibi's diligent PR people, the public meeting with the opposition has obviously no bearing on the realities of the Likud's rigid stand against territorial

compromise for a peace settlement with the Palestinians. Anyone with the slightest understanding of the Middle East knows that Hassan's polite hand shake for the cameras is solely the result of the Israel government's agreement with the PLO - which, of course, is still a no-no for Netanyahu and the rejectionist camp.

SYLVAN SCHREIBER

Tel Aviv.

If Mr. Schreiber is correct, Hassan and Netanyahu must have spent their three-hour conversation arguing about camera angles. - Ed.J.P.

### MISSING FUNDS

Sir, - Mary Ann Weaver, a journalist with friendly access to the Arafats, reports that after the April 1992 airplane crash, Arafat was painfully searching the sand dunes "obsessively," it seemed to his guards - for a Samsonite attache case. It may have contained the "notebook," as it is called - the accounting records of billions of dollars in PLO assets. Weaver further reported: "Arafat controls the money so firmly that, according to one PLO official, if he had died in the crash, or if the notebook had gone up in flames, nobody would have had any idea where the money is" (The New Yorker, "The Chairman and His Wife," May 16, 1994).

So where are those "billions of dollars"? The PLO regularly com-

plaints that it needs outside contributions for Gaza-Jericho to function. What's happened to its dollars?

JOSIAH L. LAMDEN

Jerusalem.

### Kfar Nachman

Sir, - With reference to the item report which appeared on September 30, "Mentally retarded man sent to jail for lack of viable alternative," I wish to point out that Kfar Nachman is a retardation facility, not a psychiatric facility. It does have a wing which is locked for retarded criminals. But Kfar Nachman is known as a facility for high functioning adults.

T. SHACHIVA

Jerusalem.

### HAREDI TOURISTS

Sir, - Having recently returned from a delightful vacation in Israel, I would like to offer a bit of constructive criticism.

The Ministry of Tourism recognizes the obvious advantages of maintaining tourist offices in all major cities in Israel. In fact, Jerusalem boasts two such offices. Since a large percentage of tourists to Israel are of haredi or Orthodox persuasion, why not open at least one office, especially in Jerusalem where an even greater percentage of tourists are Orthodox, that will accommodate their needs?

Tourist offices are designed to serve the needs of all religions and denominations, you could argue. While I have found government tourist offices to be well informed about the holy sites of all religions, they were totally unaware of the existence of buses to separate swimming beaches, *minyanim* for the second days of Yom Tov, or walking tours which cater to the needs and interests of the Orthodox.

Would it not make sense, therefore, to add at least a haredi desk at one of the tourist offices in Jerusalem? If Orthodox travelers feel welcome and assisted, they may just decide to return on their next vacation. And after all, isn't that what promoting tourism is all about?

Dr. MEIR WIKLER

Brooklyn, New York.

## Sign of intent

PESACH WOLICKI

**F**ROM recent statements by Syrian President Assad and his foreign minister which speak of Syria's "strategic" move toward peace, it is safe to judge that economic benefits are the primary motive for Syrian participation in the negotiations.

Deprived of its former Soviet backing, Syria has two choices: to cultivate a relationship with the US, or wallow in a prolonged state of economic crisis.

Assad's problem is exacerbated by the rise of Islamic fundamentalism, a movement which exploits poverty to win over the masses.

Israelis appreciate the economic potential of peace. But they want more than written agreements. They want real peace - no war, less military service, fewer bereaved families.

If you really mean peace, Mr. Assad, show it by returning our missing soldiers

In recent weeks, public debate over the question of peace with Syria has heated up. The Golan issue has taken up almost permanent residence on the front pages of local newspapers.

With regard to Gaza-Jericho First, many Israelis simply figured, "At least I don't have to do any more army duty in Gaza." The benefits, in this respect, were immediate. Many Israelis saw the gamble as worthwhile.

The Syrian track, on the other hand, seemingly provides for no instant gratification, no issue that says, "Well, even if it isn't all it's cracked up to be, at least..."

There's no issue, except one - and it's a big one: Israel's missing soldiers.

The one way the Syrians could show us, the Israeli people, that to them peace means real peace would be to carry out the most basic gesture of reconciliation and human decency.

If you really mean peace, Mr. Assad, give us back our men. Minimally, provide us with solid proof of their fates. Lay the suffering of their loved ones to rest.

Three men were taken in 1982, in the battle of Sultan Yakhub. Zehary Basmel, Zvi Feldman and Yehuda Katz were taken in Syrian-controlled territory. They have since been seen alive in Syrian territory. The Geneva Convention (Article II, 1949) places the responsibility for their fates on the country in which they were last seen. In this case, Syria is responsible.

There is one simple way to make the Syrians come forward on this issue. Those negotiating with them must demand it. Sadly, this has not been done.

It was Israel's own deputy foreign minister, Yossi Beilin, who said only a few months ago: "Does anyone really think that we're going to hold up the peace process for a few missing soldiers?"

Peace means certain minimal things. If the issue of Israel's missing soldiers isn't resolved, Mr. Beilin, there may be a process. But it isn't a peace process.

The writer is director of the International Coalition for the Missing Israeli Soldiers.

## POSTSCRIPT

**T**HE AMERICAN envoy to Greece had no problems getting his male dog to the gates of the monastery on the remote all-male monastic community of Mt. Athos.

But getting him inside the Iviron Monastery was another story. Ambassador Thomas Niles wanted to take his dog, Mr. Wheat, inside for the night. When they were refused, they slept outside its walls.

Mt. Athos, a 60-km-long peninsula in northern Greece, is an autonomous religious state, founded in 850 CE. It houses a few thousand Greek Orthodox monks in its 20 monasteries, and it has banned all females, even female animals, for more than 1,000 years.

But gender was not the problem at Iviron.

"He insisted on taking his dog inside the monastery, something that is not permitted. For more than 1,000 years no dog, male or female, has set foot inside the monastery," a local newspaper reported.

Niles and his dog are known to be inseparable. Mr. Wheat is a familiar sight in Athens, often seen waiting in the passenger seat of Niles' car while the ambassador meets with officials.

Religious tradition does not permit monks to turn away guests, which put the abbot in a dilemma. "In the end they came up with the following solution, unique in the 1,000 years of the monastery. The monks set up cots outside the walls and the ambassador, his dog, and their large retinue spent the night out there," the newspaper said.



# Dresden is the only city, Bär none, for this singer

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

GERMAN baritone Olaf Bär, 36, made his operatic debut a third of a century ago.

All right, so it wasn't as a singer.

Still, Bär was a mere three years old when his family brought him to an opera house in his native Dresden to play the role of the American child of Madame Butterfly in Puccini's opera.

Although the part didn't require him to vocalize, it had a decisive impact on his life.

"I was told that since then I was singing in the shower and listening a lot to classical music, but I don't remember any of this," said Bär, who is here for a series of concerts with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra and a solo recital.

Even before German reunification, Bär had ample opportunity to move west. But he chose to remain because "I love Dresden and I can't leave it. It's a great city."

He adds that "those who left East Germany at the time shut the doors behind them. Once you left you could never return and I know a few musicians who regretted leaving."

In the cozy lobby of the Mishkenot Sha'ananim guest house where he is staying during his first

visit here, he reminisces about his childhood and growing up in East Germany.

Bär's childhood was surrounded by too many secrets. The singer says he wanted to know more about World War II. "But my father didn't talk about the war," he says in his perfect yet slightly accented English. "So I thought I'd ask him later. But I never did and now he is already dead and I can't get the answers I wanted. It's a real pity."

"I learned reading before I entered school so when I started going to school I was very bored. My teacher told my parents that I must do something else and it seemed that sports could be the solution. But my dad was a soccer coach and he knew very well the East German sport system, which supported only the very best, and he was against it. So my parents wanted to enroll me in a ballet school."

It was a traumatic experience, he recalls laughingly. "I didn't want to dance and I was screaming in the car all the way to the school. Eventually my parents gave up and turned the car away."

Today, Bär is married to a dancer and adds with a warm smile that "it seems ballet can't be that bad after all."

At the age of nine he joined a special music school and enrolled

in the famous Dresden Kreuzchor. "It was a rare institution. It was a very positive alternative to the communist education."

At 18 Bär entered the army for his obligatory service. He served as an artillery soldier and questioned the necessity of the experience. "In Israel you all know why you go to the army. There we didn't know why. There was peace and there was only this conflict between East and West. We were taught that the enemy was always the West and that we must always be on the attack. I thought it was 18 months for nothing."

During his service met "a lot of people I wouldn't have met otherwise. They were simple people who just loved to drink and were not interested in the arts." He also met some jazz musicians in the army. "Jazz was great at that time and I still enjoy it today. I think jazz is really the contemporary music of our time."

When Bär first left East Germany for the West it was to enter a competition in London. He won, and his international career has flourished ever since. Today he sings recitals all over Europe as well as concerts and some opera, especially roles of Mozart and Donizetti.

Bär admits that, several years after the unification of Germany, his identity is still somewhat



Before German reunification, Bär turned down chances to move to the West.

mixed. "Until I came to the West I was thinking as an East German. But from the moment I began performing in the West I got mixed feelings. Today the mentality is still very different between East and West Germany. The East Germans are angry that they are still considered second-class citizens by the West Germans. But we are still in the middle of a huge process that will eventually solve itself."

Bär opened the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra's season last week with a program of Mahler songs. Today and Wednesday he sings Mozart, Rossini and Donizetti arias with the orchestra. On Saturday he puts on his recitalist hat and sings Schubert's *Winterreise* with pianist Camillo Radicke. All at 8 p.m. at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem.

# Greenberg isn't olive drab

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE first time Sylvia Greenberg was invited to sing with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, the soprano declined because she didn't have the right outfit.

She had arrived at an IPO youth concert directly from her army base.

"Zubin Mehta saw me in uniform and ... wanted me to go on stage like that. But I refused. I was just a simple soldier with no ambitions and I wanted to go on stage with a really impressive concert gown," she recalled recently at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv.

Greenberg finally did make her IPO debut under more conventional circumstances in 1976. The 42-year-old soprano is back for a series of concerts with the orchestra.

Greenberg is steeped in this country's vocal history.

The Romanian-born soprano who came here with her family when she was 12 spent much of her childhood backstage at the opera house on Allenby Street in Tel Aviv, where the old Israeli Opera performed.

Her mother, Natalya, was a member of the company and Greenberg breathed opera day in and day out.

"I loved to see how my mother put her makeup on and how she got into her costume," Greenberg recalls.

While she has performed with

the New Israeli Opera, somehow she has the feeling she could have been invited more often to sing in this country. "It's not that I'm bitter. But this is the fact, I don't come to sing here too often and it is disappointing," she says.

Greenberg has a vivid memory for details. She recalls landing at the Haifa port late at night, when immigrating to Israel, and being housed in Kiryat Malachi. "There was this old Yemenite there who did not want to let us into the house we were given because it wasn't complete. But we had nowhere else to go and after a lot of shouting he gave in," she remembers.

The family had a tough time but "eventually my parents managed to purchase an apartment in Givatayim, and I went to school there."

Today, Greenberg lives in Vienna, where her husband, American David Aronson, is working at the Staatsoper. They lived in Zurich for 13 years. The couple met there in the opera-house cafeteria; their son Gabriel was born in the city almost eight years ago.

Greenberg's schedule is rather full. She performs in opera houses and concert stages all over Europe, but says that the most interesting part of any opera production is the rehearsals. "This is a process of learning and development," she says. "This is when you can think. On stage, the energy is kept only through the first three shows. After that, the dramatic tension slips and you have to

work very hard to keep it up." Greenberg likes her work but not some of the pretensions which so often go with it. "I'm easy to get along with and to work with. I'm not a diva. I hate being a prima donna. There are many singers who behave like prima donnas, although they are not and there are only a few real prima donnas," she says.

Her major repertoire has focused for many years on coloratura roles. Now she is trying to change direction and focus on roles like Violetta in *La Traviata*, the Countess in *Le nozze di Figaro*, and Liu in *Turandot*. "I'm at a point where I want some variety," she says.

Being a coloratura is not that easy. "You need the attitude of a circus artist, as if you are walking on a tightrope with nothing beneath you. Coloratura is basically fireworks. And my job is to show the audience that although they expect me to fail, I will not," she says.

"[Director] Robert Wilson once told me that the only way to succeed is to look at the audience as if I want to kill each and every one of them. I don't want to kill them. I love the audience, but I need some of that attitude as well."

Greenberg sings Mozart arias with the IPO at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv this Saturday. Her exquisite, crystal-clear soprano can also be heard in the IPO's performance of *Carmina Burana*, Wednesday at the Mann Auditorium.

# Warren's beatific about his new life

STEPHEN SCHAEFER

NEW YORK

LOVE, marriage, and kids have given Warren Beatty a new life — and he says he is loving every minute of it.

He even says he may one day write a Hollywood history but, unlike Marion Brando's recent foray into the form, it will be sex-free.

"I'm not going to write a book that creates all these fictions and talks about sex and stuff like that. If I wanted to talk about sex I'd put it in the form of a novel or movie," Beatty says.

He's so happy he doesn't even mumble his way through an interview these days and he's so happy that criticism that his new film *Love Affair* cost too much doesn't faze him.

"Insane" is what he calls reports the movie cost \$60 million.

"Absolutely not true," he says. "[That figure] was fed a number of times to people and I don't know who did it. Somebody was doing some sort of job on this picture. The below-the-line cost [before marketing and promotion] was \$21.9 million."

Beatty also discounts press coverage that had him competing with David Caruso, one-time heart-throb of television's *NYPD Blue*, to star in producer Robert Evans' upcoming *Jade*, a courtroom thriller where a lawyer defends a hooker charged with murder who happens to be an old girlfriend.

"The script [Joe [Basic Instinct] Eszterhas wrote had nothing to do with me," he says. "It's a guy in his 20s."

The legendary on-and-off screen lover, who was notoriously shy of commitment until his surprise 1992 marriage to his *Bugsy* co-star Annette Bening, is at 57 the father of two-month-old Benjamin and two-year-old Kathryn.

For *Love Affair*, an unabashedly romantic melodrama which opens Friday in the US, he has teamed up with Bening again to play an aging playboy whose life is changed by love.

Beatty says marriage "has improved my relationship with women because there's no pressure on me and on them."

Flirting is now as innocent as a wink since women know Beatty is married. "I'm very straightforward about that. I think they respect that," he said in a recent interview.

"You still find people attractive, you hope they find you attractive. But it doesn't require anything beyond that show of respect or amusement or whatever it is. So in a way it makes you free."

Certainly the once press-shy star and Oscar-winning producer, director and writer no longer stumbles painfully through a barrage of interviews, pausing, mumbling, groping to express himself.

Credit Bening and the kids with this upbeat, with-it Warren. "You have to live in the present," he animatedly decrees, sitting on a hotel couch in a gray cashmere turtleneck and slacks.

"You have to teach kids one



Beatty and his now-wife Annette Bening in a scene from 'Bugsy.' The two have teamed up again 'Love Affair,' in which he plays an aging playboy whose life is changed by love.

thing: it's okay to be happy. Where you can indulge yourself in a lot of unhappiness without children, it's unfair to do it with children.

"You have to try to be as happy as you can be so they will feel it's good to be happy. That's the great gift that I have from Annette."

He says Bening, 36, taught him a basic lesson: "It's okay about being happy."

"Annette's parents have somehow, I don't know how this happened, [raised] a great actress who is happy being happy. It's very

unusual, I must tell you. She's one in a billion," says this man who has certainly known a great many great actresses, many of them co-stars.

"That gift she also gives to my children, so I try to get with the program there and be as happy as possible.... To be happy you have to be interested and to be interested you have to do what you do," he says.

So as Beatty works, he doesn't worry whether he can continue his impressive pace of winning 52 Oscar nominations for the six movies

he's produced — *Bonnie and Clyde*, *Shampoo*, *Heaven Can Wait*, *Reds*, *Dick Tracy* and *Bugsy*.

"If there's some peak you've passed, well you've just passed that peak," he said.

"I don't think you should be obligated to be continually famous. I think you've got to let your self develop, go into other areas. And if you're eclipsed somewhat, the important thing is to be interested in what you're doing. For me that aspect is important for my kids." (Reuters)

# Orff off the list in IPO reading

CONCERT ROUNDUP

THE IPO, in its most recent program, presented two musically opposed musical worlds, styles and genres: Ute Lemper's presentation of Kurt Weill songs and Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana* for choir, soloists and orchestra.

To cope, at one concert, with these strange bedfellows demanded some mental acrobatics on the part of the audience. But the effort was worthwhile, especially because of the Orff.

This was the IPO's first presentation of *Carmina Burana*, one of the most popular 20th-century compositions. Orff, together with Richard Strauss and Wagner, was on the Philharmonic's list of boycotted German composers, but recently this boycott seems to be weakening. This season, the orchestra will also play Strauss.

The first part of the concert was not particularly successful. Singing with amplification, Lemper did not perform as well as expected.

The orchestra sounded awful and Mehta's direction seemed labored and coerced. This was definitely not Weill's original orchestration.

The Orff, in the second part of the concert, was a success. The Prague Philharmonic Choir performed extremely well; the soloists — bass Michael Volle, counter-tenor David D'Orr and soprano Sylvia Greenberg — were all excellent. Greenberg earned special mention for her vocal beauty, agility and sensitivity.

Mehta was in his element and IPO members seemed delighted to exchange the obligatory Brahms for the unusual Orff.

The musicians were alive, alert and eager to do their best.

Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv, October 14.

Benjamin Bar-Am

NOTHING less than an outstanding performance was expected from baritone Olaf Bär, but his presentation of Schubert's song cycle *Die Winterreise* surpassed all expectations.

Bär is widely seen as the successor to Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, the great postwar German interpreter of lieder. Bär not only rivalled Fischer-Dieskau, but actually surpasses him in artistic integrity.

There can be no doubt about Fischer-Dieskau's greatness, but he often fits aggressively toward overdramatization, which is exactly what Bär systematically avoids.

Bär's interpretations are amazingly natural, with a simplicity that allows Schubert to emerge in all his musical genius and emotion.

The baritone puts the music first and, with irresistible strength, draws out Schubert's truths: incomprehensible tragedy, grief, despair, yearning and the premonition of death.

All this would not have been achieved without the extraordinary accompanist, pianist Camillo Radicke.

Tel Aviv Museum, October 15.

Benjamin Bar-Am

THE Haifa Symphony Orchestra opened its season with a very typical program, a combination of the contemporary with the choral, featuring the orchestra's best talent.

The orchestra's showpieces were Berlioz's *Roman Carnival*, which opened the evening.

Under the precise baton of Stanley Sperber, the orchestra, in spite of losing concertmaster Ora Shiran to an English orchestra, sounded at its best. It was a brisk reading of the score with care given to detail and cohesive orchestral sound.

The orchestra played second fiddle to its principal clarinetist Orit Orbach in Robert Starer's *Kli Zemer*.

This klezmer-oriented opus is far from a masterpiece, but Orbach made the most of it. Her warm, sensuous sound was bewitching throughout.

The evening ended with Beethoven's C major Mass which suffered from very poor singing by the Rinat, Tel Aviv Philharmonic and Giti choir, and a quartet of soloists.

The women were barely adequate; the men no more than passable.

The Haifa Auditorium, October 10.

Michael Ajzenstadt

THE Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra opened its season with an uneven concert ranging from exquisite to disappointing.

The evening opened with a first-rate reading of *Odin Pintos's Symphonic Movements* (1966). The composer used the huge orchestra to full effect and David Shallon led his musicians in a grand reading of the score.

German baritone Olaf Bär delivered a passionate yet restrained reading of Mahler's *Lieder eines Fahrenden Gesellen*.

His diction was superb, his articulation faultless and his understanding of the style of performance complete.

To these he added his velvety, round voice to make his performance mesmerizing, despite the fact that the orchestra was occasionally too loud.

After the intermission, Shallon led a very, very loud reading of Berlioz's *Symphonic Fantaisie*, lacking refinement and finesse.

Henry Crown Symphony Hall, Jerusalem, October 13.

Michael Ajzenstadt

# A non-tiring marathon

DANCE

DORA SOWDEN

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sources, mixed with experimental explorations of modern methods.

All participants were excellent dancers, even the fat man in the US-Canadian duo who tossed his small partner about in absurd, sometimes grotesque ways.

The English group was inimitable for its British humor that "mimicked" the music, never quite eschewed ballet moves, but made them amusing. The Hungarian duo (only one visible until the musician took his bow) were a show in themselves, the dancer manipulating shadows and making a shining pole fly through the air.

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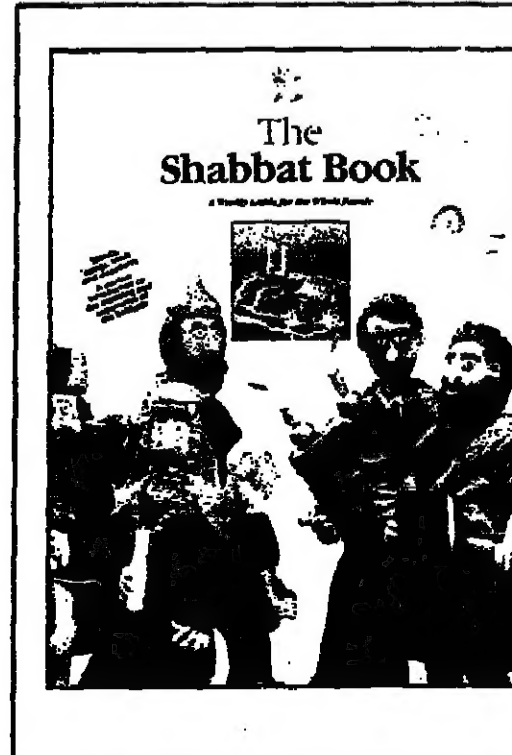
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#6	15	2	ACHINOM NINI	NINI AND DOR
#7	4	8	NATASHA'S FRIENDS	BLAH BLAH BLAH
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## BUSINESS &amp; FINANCE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1994

## Elco bid highest for Shekem

GALIT LIPKIS BECK and JOSE ROSENFELD

ELCO submitted the highest of three bids for the purchase of controlling interest in Shekem, the last stage in the sale of the government-owned department store chain, the Treasury reported yesterday.

Elco's bid, made by its subsidiary Triple Mat Co., was close to the chain's value on the stock market and slightly higher than the August valuation ordered by the Government Companies Authority.

The other two bidders for 35 percent of Shekem's shares were by a group led by Rotem Construction and Development and a consortium headed by Koor In-

dustries that includes Tadiran Consumer Products, the Renaissance Fund, Al-Rov, Kital International Investment and Development, and Alterah Investment company.

A consortium made up of Africa Israel and Israel Land Development Company and another one headed by the Zur Shamir group originally expressed interest in the tender but decided to back out before the final stage.

Shekem's total assets are estimated at between \$165 million and \$170m.

The Finance Ministry is going

ahead with the sale process, despite an appeal by Shekem workers to the High Court against it.

Judge Michale Heshin issued an interim injunction yesterday forbidding the Government Companies Authority from signing a contract to transfer controlling interest in Shekem until a wage agreement is signed with the workers.

Chairman of Shekem's national workers committee Itzhik Muel, said the workers want their rights and jobs guaranteed after the sale process.

"The Histadrut has given us the

go ahead to take actions against the company, including closing branches," Muel said. "We plan to start the labor dispute in a few days. We will take all measures to ensure our jobs are protected."

Treasury spokesman Eli Yoseph said the court order does not prevent the Government Companies Authority from negotiating with the potential buyers and deciding on a buyer.

The sale is also subject to the approval of the Supervisor of Monopolies and the Knesset Finance Committee, the Treasury said.

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat said he hoped the delays in completing the sale will end soon.

## Lebanon calls for Arab common market

Hrawi: Don't rush to normalize ties with Israel

BEIRUT (Reuters) - Lebanon's

President Elias Hrawi called yesterday for the setting up of an Arab common market and criticized Arab states rushing to normalize ties with Israel.

"The Arab common market is the practical mean to deal with many of the worsening economic situations in most countries of our region," Hrawi said at the opening of a light-industry products exhibi-

tion in the northern port of Tripoli.

"It is logical that peace is rushed between the Arabs and Israel while no economic cooperation formula is found among the Arabs themselves," he asked.

Hrawi said a "Brotherhood, Cooperation and Coordination Treaty" between Lebanon and Syria could form the core around which his proposed common market is

set up. Beirut and Syria have signed a series of cooperation accords that cover trade, transit, health, and agriculture within the framework of the 1991 brotherhood treaty.

Hrawi urged Arab countries to slow down any possible normalization of ties with Israel before a breakthrough in the deadlocked peace negotiations between Israel and both Syria and Lebanon.

## Illegal trader gets four months

RAINE MARCUS

THE Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday sentenced former Trade Bank director Eliezer Frankel, convicted of insider trading, to a four-month prison sentence, which he will serve by doing community service.

Judge Bracha Ophir also imposed a 14-month suspended sentence on Frankel and fined him

NIS 45,000.

Four years ago, Frankel had access to bank interim reports which indicated 33 percent profits during the second quarter of 1990.

Before the reports were published and presented to the relevant authorities, Frankel pur-

chased NIS 72,000 worth of shares. He then gave orders to sell the shares, but only after he found out there were excess demands for them.

He was also convicted of other offenses related to insider trading, which violated his standing as a stock exchange member, said Ophir.

## Aloni wants Meltzer as Bezek head

JUDY SIEGEL

COMMUNICATIONS Minister Shulamit Aloni announced yesterday that Gurion Meltzer, a former managing director of Tadiran, will be her candidate to replace Moshe Haba as Bezek chairman.

Aloni said Finance Minister Avraham Shohat agreed to the nomination, although it must formally be approved by the government.

The date for assuming the post will be set when Meltzer returns from the US.

Aloni expressed "great appreciation" for Haba, who "led the company during one of its most sensitive periods," when it was required to face competition from the private market.

Haba's three-year term was extended by an additional year in January.

Aloni said she was sure Haba, who previously was head of the Ramat



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Hovav Authority near Beersheba and a Finance Ministry official, will continue to contribute to the telecommunications sector "in general and to Bezek in particular."

There were reports that Haba might be named to head one of Bezek's new subsidiaries.

## Taste of Israel files suit against Burger Ranch

RACHEL NEIMAN

TASTE of Israel yesterday announced it has filed a suit against Burger Ranch for failing to follow through on an agreed share swap.

Taste of Israel has asked the court to uphold the terms of a January 31 contract with Burger Ranch. At that time, Burger Ranch agreed to sell Taste of Israel 34 percent of its shares.

Taste of Israel paid \$1 million for 17.5% of the shares and swapped 234,000 of its own shares, worth \$1.5m, for 120,000 Burger Ranch shares.

Burger Ranch is now refusing to trade.

"Our claim is that Taste of Israel did not fulfill their obligations, did not make the transfer in time, and should therefore either pay in cash or drop the additional 16.5% share purchase, to which we have no argument," Burger Ranch general manager Ron Lapid said.

The date for transfer was March 31. "We want the courts to confirm that we have fulfilled our obligation to the contract and tendered the shares to Burger Ranch when we received permission from the Israel Securities and Exchange Commission," Taste of Israel general manager Leonard Sackstein said.

The heart of the argument is that 234,000 shares were worth \$1.5m at the time of the transaction, but "with the stock exchange having gone down, their value has dropped to half," Sackstein said.

The sides have failed to reach a settlement over the past few months.

"I think there has been a willingness to reach an agreement, but it just has not come about," Sackstein said. "The decision to turn the matter over to the courts was made, because we lost faith that we would ever reach an agreement."

Ironically, he said "the purpose of the exercise was to get deeper into the deal with Burger Ranch. We believe in Burger Ranch. They have an excellent product, it is a well-run organization, and we have total confidence in general manager Ron Lapid."

Sackstein added that both companies are doing well, and the stalemate is not due to financial distress on either side.

Sackstein also has a personal interest in wanting the matter to be settled peacefully, since he and Lapid are friends from their school days.

It is always uncomfortable when two old friends meet in court, but Sackstein said the "litigation will be conducted in a gentlemanly fashion. There has been no dishonesty and no breach of trust. It is strictly a business matter."

Lapid agreed, saying "this is a commercial dispute which we have found difficult to resolve. We will let someone else decide for us."

## Committee named to review nation's food import policy

JOSE ROSENFELD

AN interministerial committee to review the country's food import policy has been appointed and will be headed by State Revenues Director Yoram Gabbai, the Treasury announced yesterday.

The creation of the committee was agreed as a compromise to the Treasury's proposal to eliminate non-tariff barriers (NTB) on food product imports and replace them with protective duties.

Although under the government's program to gradually open the local market to imports, licensing has been eliminated as a means to protect local products, agricultural goods have been exempted.

The Treasury justified the change following the GATT agreements calling for the elimination of NTBs from food and agricultural imports and the success of the program to open the

local market to industrial imports.

The committee will recommend an import policy that takes into account the government's policy of opening the market to imports, the free trade agreements with the US and Europe and the GATT agreements.

The committee is to establish criteria for protecting local products, including identifying the goods which require protection.

In addition, the committee will look into how to relate to local monopolies, substitute products, and import prohibitions by law.

The group will also review which among the possible protective measures - including quotas, duties, licensing, or subsidizing local production - is most desirable based on economic efficiency, their fiscal impact, and benefit to producers and consumers.

## Paraffin agrees to remove copycat products

RACHEL NEIMAN

A ROSE by any other name may smell as sweet, but not for copycat perfume manufacturer Paraffin Cosmetics Industries.

Last week - following complaints lodged by Calvin Klein, L'Oréal, and Giorgio Beverly Hills - Paraffin announced it had made an out-of-court settlement to remove all products using the copyrighted scents, trade names, and packaging within three months and to pay \$18,000 in damages to the companies.

In return, the three companies have agreed to drop all complaints and charges.

Paraffin said it had already stopped production of the three perfumes prior to the signing of the agreement.

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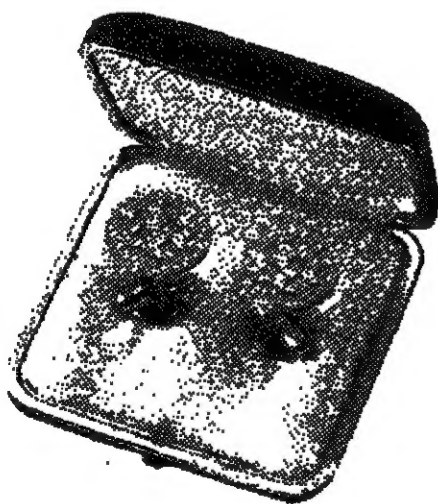
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## Hap J'lem, Givatayim in State Cup wins

JOEL GORDIN

HAPOEL Jerusalem advanced to the quarter-finals of basketball's State Cup last night by trouncing National League leaders Maccabi Rishon LeZion 94-74 in the nation's capital.

Jerusalem easily wiped out Rishon's six-point margin (89-83) from the round of 16's first leg.

The home team's points were shared between Billy Thompson, Jonathan Datzell and Papi Turgeon. Rishon badly missed injured key player James Gully. Jerusalem led 44-35 at halftime.

There was another surprise in the second game played last night. Hapoel Givatayim, only 1-5 in the league, also advanced to the quarter-finals by beating visiting Hapoel Eilat 107-91. Givatayim won the first leg 91-88 against their southern opponents.

The home team faltered at the start when Gary Plummer chalked up three fouls in as many minutes. But Yuval Ashkenazi, coming off the bench to replace Dudi Adler, turned the tide against the visitors.

His playmaking and especially adroit passing helped Givatayim to a 46-38 halftime lead and cut the legs out of the Eilat defense.

For Givatayim, an erratic Plummer scored 23, Jerome Batiste 21, Ashkenazi 20 and Amos Frishman and Keith Bennett 17 apiece. Andrew Kennedy hit 28 for Eilat. The other clubs in the quarter-finals are Maccabi Tel Aviv, Bnei Herzliya, Maccabi Ramat Gan, Hapoel Tel Aviv, Hapoel Holon and Maccabi Jerusalem.

The two legs of the quarter-finals will be played on December 28 and January 1.

## South Africa denies charge rugby union player paid

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — South African rugby union officials denied yesterday that Michael Catt of England was paid for playing rugby in South Africa.

Catt's comments, published in *The Mail on Sunday* newspaper in England, were the first disclosure by a player of long-suspected payments by South African officials.

He said he received 900 rand (\$257) per match to play for Eastern Province two years ago, paid in cash before each of five games, the newspaper reported.

Catt also said he received a lump sum of 10,000 rand (\$2,850) to play a season with the Crusaders Technikon club, which is affiliated with the Port Elizabeth Technikon, a training college, according to the newspaper.

"Otherwise, you could get 150 rand (\$43) per match and an 80 rand (\$23) win bonus," Catt was quoted as saying.

Eastern Province and Crusaders Technikon officials called the report untrue.

"We haven't paid him a cent," Eastern Province manager Japie Wessels said. "We've heard the story, but we never, never paid him to play."

Like all players, Catt received a spending allowance, probably about 300 rand (\$86) per match, as reimbursement for personal costs, Wessels said.

Dr. Alex van der Walt, president of Crusaders Technikon, said that Catt was a part-time student at the college on a sports scholarship of 1,800 rand (\$515) for the year. He said the club never paid Catt to play rugby.

The comments by Catt come as the International Rugby Board prepares to meet in Vancouver this week. The issue of paying players in the traditionally amateur rugby union is likely to come up.

Rugby league, a professional version with different rules, operates separate of rugby union.



ATLANTA (AP) — Who says the National Football League has to be a team sport?

Certainly not Deion Sanders, who again starred solo Sunday in San Francisco's 42-3 rout of the Atlanta Falcons.

Playing for the first time against the Falcons in the city where he played football for five years and baseball for four, Sanders returned an interception 93 yards for a touchdown, got in a fist-fight with Andre Rison and then sat on the bench for the second half with a groin injury.

After the game, Sanders and Rison met near midfield and hugged — twice.

"This is my house," Sanders said. "I built this house."

Sanders overshadowed Steve Young's near-perfect day — 15 of 16 for 143 yards and four TD passes — and left no doubt about the best team in the NFC West. The 49ers are 5-2, the Falcons 4-3.

"You see him get into a fight and you think 'what's he doing?'" Young said. "Then he returns an interception 93 yards for a touchdown. It's a tribute to his playing ability."

The 49ers jumped to a 21-0 lead in the first 15:06 on Young's 10-yard TD pass to Ricky Watters. Tim McDonald's 49-yard fumble and Young's 1-yard TD pass to Jerry Rice.

Chargers 36, Saints 22. Visiting San Diego (6-0) remained unbeaten as Natrone Means had three TDs and 120 yards and John Carney added five field goals.

San Humphries was 17 of 29 for 186 yards, while Means' TD runs came from 1, 8 and 16 yards. Carney's field goals were from 49, 31, 29, 29 and 28 yards.

Cowboys 24, Eagles 13. Troy Aikman had two TD passes, Emmitt Smith had 106 yards and a score and host Dallas intercepted Randall Cunningham four times to take over sole possession of first place in the NFC East.

Early in the third period, Dallas made it 21-7 when Darren Woodson picked off Cunningham at the Eagles' 31 and Aikman followed with a 14-yard TD pass to Jay Novacek.

Dolphins 26, Raiders 17 (OT). Bernie Parmelee rushed for a career-high 150 yards, including a 29-yard dash to set up Pete Stoyanovich's 29-yard field goal 5:46 into overtime. Parmelee also recovered a fumbled punt by Tim Brown to set up the tying

## Sanders sparkles in 49ers rout



HITTING THE SACK — Jets QB Boomer Esiason is thrown for a loss by Patriots linesman Alfred Oglesby. New York retained possession on the play. (AP)

TD in the fourth quarter. Despite Dan Marino's superb outing (17 of 37 for 186 yards and two TDs), host Miami (5-2) moved into sole possession of first place in the AFC East.

Cardinals 19, Redskins 16 (OT). Steve Besecker threw a tying TD pass with 19 seconds left in regulation, and Todd Peterson kicked a 29-yard field goal with five minutes left in overtime for visiting Arizona (2-4). Redskins rookie Heath Shuler was intercepted five times, the final time by Terry Hoage, who returned it to the Washington 12 and set up the winning kick. The Redskins are 1-6.

Rams 17, Giants 10. Chris Miller (13 of 26 for 197 yards) threw two first-quarter touchdowns passes — 19 yards to Isaac Bruce and 12 yards to Tony Dwyer — and the host Rams (3-4) handed the Giants (3-3) their third straight loss. Dave Brown had another poor outing (15 of 27 for 165 and two interceptions) for the Giants, while Jerome Bettis had 30 carries for 88 yards for the Rams.

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## Lethargic United, Barcelona meet tomorrow

LONDON (Reuters) — Manchester United and Barcelona are desperately hoping they can shake off indifferent league form tomorrow when they lock horns in one of the most eagerly-awaited clashes of the Champions' League.

The English and Spanish champions have been struggling to impress in defense of their domestic titles, and Barcelona particularly cannot afford a defeat at Old Trafford on the heels of a shock loss to Gothenburg.

Both sides won at the weekend, but somewhat unconvincingly. United, who has made the European Cup its top priority after winning two successive Premier League titles, beat West Ham 1-0 at Old Trafford, while Barcelona needed an injury-time goal to overcome Valencia 2-1 away.

The Spanish champions, who have lost twice in seven league games, believe they are now making progress.

"Nobody should forget that playing in England is very difficult," Barcelona midfielder Guillermo Amor said. "But I'd prefer to go there now, after winning in Valencia and with the team proving that they are finding their rhythm."

"We still have a lot to improve but this victory is very important," added Dutch defender Ronald Koeman.

Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson, who faces selection problems after Englishmen Les Sharpe and David May picked up injuries at the weekend, hopes the electric atmosphere at Old Trafford will shake his players from their league lethargy.

"There's no consistency about us at the moment and that worries me," said Ferguson. "I had a similar situation at Aberdeen when we didn't play well before European ties. It's difficult to stop that sort of thing."

"I just hope the big occasion brings out the best in us."

European champion AC Milan is another side struggling in the league and hoping the occasion can lift it to a win against AEK Athens, vital after having two points deducted by UEFA for crowd trouble.

The Milanese are adamant that they are not demoralized despite suffering their second league defeat at Padova on Sunday — their fifth of the season in all competitions.

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MATCHLESS — South African Ernie Els holds the Toyota World Match Play trophy after beating Collin Montgomerie 4 and 2 Sunday at the Wentworth Golf Club in Surrey. (AP)

## Israel bowlers draw in S. Africa

NORMAN SPIRO  
Johannesburg

THE national bowls teams shared honors with South Africa in the first Test match at the Beconsfield Club.

Jeff Rabkin beat Donny Piketh 25-8; and in the pairs, Len Averbuch and Rabkin stopped Piketh and Theuns Fraser 24-20.

But the South Africans came roaring back in the fours to whip Cecil Bransky, Lawrence Mendelsohn, Chaim Miller and Averbuch 23-17; and evened the score with a 20-16 trips win over Bransky, Mendelsohn and Miller.

In the women's trips, Maureen Hirschowitz, Merle Swerdlow and Renee Kusman tied 16-all; and in the singles, Hirschowitz beat Lynn Dwyer 25-12.

The South Africans again leveled in the day's play by winning the doubles over Molly Skudowitz and Pina Gelgissier 25-11; and taking the fours from Skudowitz, Gelgissier, Swerdlow and Kusman 25-16.

## American in Taba to Eilat swim

AMERICAN Lynn Cox, 37, traversed the Bay of Eilat from Taba to Eilat yesterday on the first leg of a three-country swim.

When she arrived at Eilat's North Beach, she was greeted by Mayor Gabi Kadosh. Today she will continue her aquatic adventure to Jordan, coming ashore at the Palace of King Hussein.

The swim is under the sponsorship of Reuma Weizman, wife of the President; Queen Nur of Jordan and Egyptian ambassador to the US Ahmed Maher Sa'adi.

## SCOREBOARD

BRITISH SOCCER — Host Nottingham Forest beat Wigan 3-1 yesterday in a Premier League fixture.

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# Workers have until tomorrow to 'butt out'

JUDY SIEGEL

A BEHAVIORAL revolution is about to begin, with the law banning smoking in all the country's 60,000 workplaces - except for closed, but well-ventilated smoking rooms - taking effect tomorrow.

The regulation - passed unanimously by the Knesset Labor and Social Affairs Committee early this year and signed by Health Minister Ephraim Sneh three months ago - is one of the strictest in the world.

The "experimental" regulation will be in effect for a year; during this period, a team established by the Health Ministry with representatives from the manufacturers, private employers, and the Histadrut will establish a committee for smoking rules in each workplace. At the end of the year, possible changes will be considered.

The ministry will sponsor an open phone line today with experts on heart disease and cancer, as well as representatives of the Israel Cancer Association, the Society for the Prevention of Smoking, and the Work Safety Institute. It will accept calls between 4 and 7 p.m. at the toll-free number 177-022-3003.

Some common questions about the new law:

**Q. What is considered a "workplace"?**

A. Anywhere more than one person works that is not a residence. A place where unpaid volunteers work is not considered a

workplace.

**Q. I work alone in my room. May I smoke there?**

A. Yes. A room used by only one person - or by a number of individuals all of whom are smokers - may be considered a smoking room.

**Q. I work in an office where workers are separated by dividers that do not reach up to the ceiling. Can a colleague smoke in a compartment or designate it a "smoking room"?**

A. No, because the smoke would reach other workers. Smoking rooms must be closed, but well ventilated.

**Q. I am the manager of an office that has only four rooms. There is no room for a separate smoking room. What should I do?**

A. Smokers will have to go outdoors to light up, unless you can designate one of the four rooms as a smoking room. For more information on designating a smoking room, call the Work Safety Institute, (03) 200281.

**Q. My company set no-smoking rules in the entire building several years ago. Do I have to set up a smoking room now?**

A. No. Any employer may declare smoking off limits if he wishes for a variety of reasons, including safety, the nature of work, or hygiene. Smokers may go outdoors.

**Q. Where can I complain about violations?**

A. Employers are bound to protect their non-smoking workers from health damage from the smokers. If your employer does not enforce the regulation, you may complain to the Health Ministry's Occupational Health Service, tel. (02) 254893. This office will also suggest practical ways of implementing the regulation. As a last resort, you can complain to a municipal inspector or the police, who are entitled to fine violators NIS 180.

**Q. I am an employer and would like to sponsor smoking-cessation courses at work. Who gives these courses?**

A. To see other places where courses are held on the job, call the Institute for Workers' Health, (09) 909997 or write to POB 3, Ra'ana. For smoking-cessation courses, call the Israel Cancer Association (03) 5717234, Telemedica (03) 5717888, or fax (03) 5719578.

**Q. Does the regulation change the conditions in public places where smoking has been banned for several years, such as buses, elevators, cinemas, and lecture halls?**

A. No. All the previous regulations remain in place. Smoking rooms need not be established in places where smoking was totally banned.

**Q. Where can I get free no-smoking posters and stickers?**

A. Write to the Health Ministry's health education department, Rehov Horkania 8a, Jerusalem, or call (02) 782881, fax (02) 705991.

## Cancer Association launches fund-raising campaign

JUDY SIEGEL

MORE than 40,000 youngsters will visit 1.5 million homes today in the Israel Cancer Association's annual Knock on the Door campaign. The goal is raising NIS 10 million for diagnostic, treatment, and rehabilitation equipment and wages of psychologists, social workers, and dietitians who counsel cancer patients.

The police and Civil Guard will dispatch personnel to guard the money collected, and 100 banks will remain open later than usual so that the money can safely be deposited.

President Ezer Weizman donated NIS 5,000 last week on behalf of Beit Hanassi to kick off the fund-raising effort.

The Delek company will donate NIS 1 for sale of more than NIS 50 at its gas stations today. Shoppers at the Supersol, Hypercol, and Hyper-Gal Hayarok chains will be able to donate at the checkout counter from tomorrow through Thursday.

The ICA notes that there are 100,000 cancer patients in the

country, with 12,000 more every year. The average cure rate is 50 percent, but it reaches as high as 80 percent when the disease is detected early.

Meanwhile, cancer researcher Prof. Bracha Ramon has been honored by the establishment of a cancer research fund in her name. Ramon, a member of the board of Kupat Holim Maccabi, was chosen by the Yizraeli family as a symbol of the fight against cancer; two professors will choose the winner of a \$2,500 prize over a period of 10 years.



Soldiers get an explanation of a new program to train them in the building trades during their last three months of service at a seminar sponsored by the Association for the Welfare of the Soldier yesterday. (Israel Sm)

## Stock market tax passes first reading

EVELYN GORDON

THE bill to tax stock market profits passed its first reading in the Knesset yesterday, after the House Committee decided in a stormy session to waive the rule requiring bills to be presented 48 hours before the first reading.

The bill would create, as its default option, a 10% tax on all profits without the possibility of offsetting losses against profits. Those who want to, however, could file tax returns, offset their losses, and pay a 20% tax. For the first two years, investors will only have to decide at the end of the year whether or not to file; after that, however, they will have to decide at the beginning of each year.

The bill also includes a 15% tax on profits from the sale of shares in mutual funds. Profits on existing bonds will be tax-free, but new

bond issues will be taxed at the same rate as stocks.

The bill was submitted only yesterday afternoon. Since house rules require all bills to be made available to the MKs 48 hours before the first reading, the plenum was able to discuss the bill only after the House Committee approved a special exception to this rule.

Income Tax Commissioner Doron Levy told the committee that this haste was justified, because the banking system will need time to prepare before the law takes effect on January 1. It is therefore imperative to pass the law quickly, so they will have enough time, he said.

But opposition MKs protested

vigorously, saying it would be impossible to hold an intelligent debate on the bill last night, when none of the MKs had even read it. "This is simply railroading a vote," charged Yitzhak Levy (NRP).

"This bill needs to be studied," said Ariel Weinstein (Likud). "I ask the Knesset not to show contempt for itself just because the government is showing contempt for us."

"The bill will come up at 9:00 tonight," retorted committee chairman Hagai Merom (Labor), who accused the opposition of merely trying to embarrass the government. "Whoever wants to can sit and read it before then." The debate quickly degenerated

into a shouting match, and coalition whip Eli Dayan (Labor) had to run around frantically to bring in MKs from other committees to ensure his 6-5 margin on the vote, after two MKs - Raphael Pinhasi (Shas) and Law Committee chairman Dedi Zucker (Meretz) - decided that the opposition was correct and walked out of the room.

Afterwards, Michael Eitan (Likud) threatened that the opposition would make the government pay for this move by entangling the bill in numerous procedural debates.

"For the two days [you gained], you will pay with interest," he said.

"I will be personally responsible for seeing that the hearings [on the bill] are dragged out by at least three times that much."

## Knesset panel told of unhealthy Gaza produce

EVELYN GORDON

SOME produce from Gaza is grown using human and chicken excrement for irrigation and fertilizer, thereby creating a significant health hazard, Agriculture Ministry representatives told the Knesset Economics Committee yesterday.

Health Ministry representatives told the committee that 38 of 166 produce samples from Gaza they examined over the last few months were found to contain significant health hazards. As a result, the import of beans and zucchini from Gaza has been banned.

Ruth Kringle, head of the Consumer Protection Authority, said checks done by her group before Rosh Hashana turned up forbidden levels of pesticides and contamination from excrement in a significant number of samples, even in vegetables whose import was not banned, such as lettuce and parsley.

The Health and Agriculture ministry officials warned that the situation is likely to get worse, because they have been thrown out of their testing site near Gaza. There is not enough manpower and equipment to do proper

checks at the border crossings, they said.

Committee chairman Gideon Patt (Likud) demanded that the import of produce from Gaza be banned until proper supervisory mechanisms are in place.

"If someone is burning to honor the agreements we signed, let him act to get the necessary systems set up quickly, so the produce will be checked before being sold," he said.

Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur objected to this idea, saying the agreements requiring a certain amount of produce from Gaza to be let in had to be honored.

However, he added, there was nothing in the agreements to prohibit the necessary checks, and he agreed that the current system was insufficient.

Both he and Patt suggested that requiring produce to be labeled with its place of origin might help.

All of the MKs present demanded that the government take action. Patt said he would hold another emergency meeting on the subject with the health and agriculture ministers.

## Brothers get 10 years in stabbing death

RAINE MARCUS

TWO BROTHERS who killed a 17-year-old youth during a "friendly" soccer game were sentenced to 10 years in prison by Tel Aviv District Court yesterday.

A group of youths had been playing soccer on an empty field in the Triangle village of Tira, when suddenly the ball flew into Ahmed and Hamada Mantzur's backyard.

During a subsequent brawl, one of the brothers stabbed Taisir Kashna, 17, in the chest. The youth was rushed to hospital but died later from his wounds.

The Mantzurs were originally charged with murder, but Judges Ed-

mond Levy, Devora Berliner, and Nissim Yeshiyahu accepted their plea that they did not intend to kill Kashna.

But they noted that the use of knives in fights has become commonplace and must be deterred by severe sentences.

"The public should know that stabbings, with sometimes fatal consequences, will not be tolerated as a solution to disagreements," they said.

Following the sentencing, Hamada Mantzur ran amok in the courtroom and the judges ordered him arrested and charged with contempt of court.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### One dead on roads in heavy rain

Heavy rain fell in many parts of the country yesterday, causing traffic jams on many main roads and leaving one dead in weather-related road accidents.

Soldier Menachem Musasa, 19, from Kiryat Ata, was killed when the car in which he was traveling swerved out of control on the wet road and hit a wall. The accident happened on the road between Tira and Haifa in the early hours of yesterday morning.

The car's driver was moderately injured and taken to the Rambam Hospital for treatment.

### Lebanese infant operated on at Beilinson

A six-week-old baby from Marjayoun in Southern Lebanon underwent successful open-heart surgery at Beilinson Hospital last week to repair a congenital defect.

Aliz Issa was born prematurely, weighing 1.5 kilos. When Lebanese doctors detected a heart problem, they referred her to a hospital in northern Israel. But when transposition of the great arteries was diagnosed, she was sent to the cardiothoracic surgery department at the Petah Tikva hospital.

Until recently, many Israeli babies with this defect have been flown abroad, but local doctors have gained much experience in this rare surgery. Aliz underwent a "switch" operation on Thursday.

### Drug raids held in South Tel Aviv

An undercover agent led to the arrest of 10 alleged drug dealers in South Tel Aviv early yesterday.

The agent taped transactions with dealers over the past three months. Police found dozens of grams of heroin in the homes of alleged dealers, and said additional arrests are imminent.

### Wiretapper appeals sentence

Convicted wiretapper Hani Mizaki appealed his 27-month prison sentence in Tel Aviv District Court Sunday, claiming that recent press coverage of wide-scale wiretapping had influenced the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court's sentencing decision.

Mizaki had been hired by factory owners who believed their employees were stealing from them and by jealous husbands who suspected their wives of adultery. He would open telephone exchange boxes to plant transmitters on his subjects' phones, using duplicate keys given to him by Bezak employee Lea Biderman. Biderman, who testified for the prosecution under a plea bargain, also supplied Mizaki with information on the location of Bezak exchange boxes.

## 1,000 workers to be dismissed under Clalit recovery plan

JUDY SIEGEL

SOME 1,000 Kupat Holim Clalit workers will be dismissed, and those remaining will have to agree to reduced wages and longer hours under the ailing health fund's proposed recovery program.

Although no details of the program have been disclosed officially, sources said it will most affect administrative and maintenance workers and community clinic nurses.

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat told the Knesset Control Committee yesterday that the recovery program being finalized would "change the rules of the game regarding the health fund's operations and the government's participation in its activities."

Shohat said he hoped the program would be presented to the Knesset.

"All depends now on the willingness of Clalit workers to participate in the efficiency program," he said. It has been known for some time that

the government insists on receiving title to the health fund's hospitals, in exchange for financial help.

Meanwhile, Histadrut Chairman Haim Ramon claimed that his predecessor, Haim Haberfeld, admitted on Sunday that he (Haberfeld) had never intended to implement the previous Clalit recovery plan, and that he had even informed Shohat of this. Shohat told Ramon that he had never agreed to this and had written Ramon a letter to this effect, Ramon said.

Committee chairman MK David Magen said that these reports were "shocking in their seriousness and even raise fears that the law has been violated." Magen said he would seek Haberfeld's reaction before consulting with State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat about the matter.

No comment was available from Haberfeld, Clalit management or the Health Ministry on the charges.

## Witness: Dinitz was exempt from listing own expenses

YA'ACOV Nitzan, an adviser to Jewish Agency Chairman Simcha Dinitz, yesterday testified at his boss's trial that it had been agreed Dinitz would be exempt from personally reporting his expenses abroad.

Dinitz is on trial in the Jerusalem District Court on charges of fraud and breach of trust, for allegedly charging \$22,000 worth of personal expenses to the agency.

Nitzan was declared a hostile witness on Sunday, after repeatedly contradicting statements he made to police.

During cross-examination yesterday, Nitzan said that, in accordance with the State Comptroller's Report of 1991, reports of expenses are made to the agency's emissaries department. In Dinitz's case, he said, these reports were filed by his secretary, Marlene Moseck, to Nadav Shukrun, in charge of reimbursing expenses.

However, this was counter to agency regulations, which determine that the emissary himself - in this case, Dinitz - had to report his own expenses, Nitzan said. It had been agreed that, as agency chairman, his secretary could file the reports instead.

Nitzan also told the court of a dispute Dinitz had with the emissaries department concerning having his wife accompany him abroad at agency expense. According to Jewish Agency regulations, spouses are not allowed to accompany officials on trips abroad. Dinitz, testified Nitzan, felt that, as chairman, this rule did not apply to him.

## Border Police subdue junkie to end dangerous stand-off

AMIR ROZENBLIT

AFTER a six-hour stand-off, border policemen yesterday broke into the home of a Dimona drug addict and subdued him, after he had threatened to blow up himself and his 18-month-old twin daughters unless various demands were met.

The man, 34, was sentenced last week to three years in prison for burglarizing an apartment. He was released for 48 hours to organize him-

self for his prison term.

He did not appear at the police station yesterday at the appointed time, but instead barricaded himself in his home with his daughters. He then began shouting that he had a grenade and would detonate it near two gas canisters, unless his demands were met.

Among the demands were a different apartment for his family and a promise that he would be treated for his addiction while in prison.

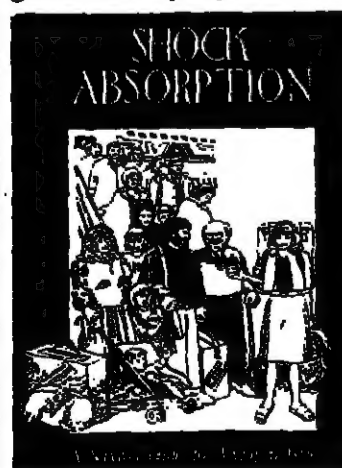
A large contingent of police, led by Negev chief Dep.-Cmdr. Yosef Avni, arrived at the scene and tried to talk the man into letting them into the apartment. One of the man's friends attempted to enter the apartment, but the addict stabbed him with a knife, wounding him lightly.

After several hours without success, police feared he might carry out his threat, and a Border Police anti-terror unit was called in.

At 3 o'clock, the unit broke into the apartment and subdued the man. One border policeman was lightly hurt in the raid. The twins were unharmed.

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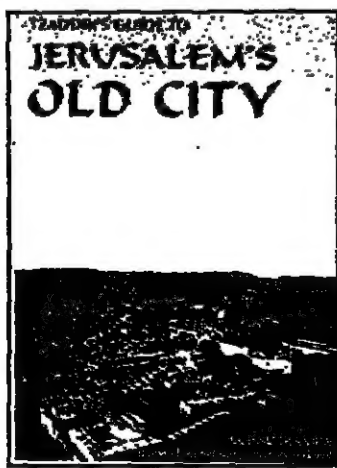


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